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SUPERSTARS SET RECORD STRAIGHT

ODZAKOV

By **LAURIE SCHWAB**

From the verge of national team selection to the youth team of Preston Makedonia — that's the sorry plight of Zarko Odzakov.

He had been considering an appeal against the \$32,000 transfer fee slapped on him by Makedonia, but he's changed his mind.

"I'll play all year in the Makedonia youth team if that's the way John Brannan (Makedonia's president) wants it," Odzakov said this week.

"I'll lose about \$4000 or \$5000 in match payments, but they'll still have to pay me my contract money. I only have to train two nights a week and there's no pressure. If they want that, then OK."

Why Makedonia's keeping me out

Can you believe it? One of Australia's finest midfielders, veteran of 350 matches with Vardar Skopje and a former Yugoslav youth and junior representative, playing in the Victorian youth league!

Will the Makedonia fans stand for it, especially if the senior team loses a couple of matches?

Here's what's caused Odza-

kov's relegation to the reserves.

Makedonia asked all players to take a cut in pay because the season will be shorter this year.

After some haggling, Odzakov agreed to take a \$2600 cut in his contract pay, providing the club provides air tickets back home to Yugoslavia for

him and his wife and child. His existing contract, which expires at the end of this season, provides for only one air ticket.

According to Odzakov, Brannan agreed to the two and a half air fares providing that when he returns to Yugoslavia, any club that buys Odzakov must pay Makedonia a \$3000 transfer fee for him. That is the amount Makedonia paid Vardar Skopje for him in early 1983. Alternatively, Brannan offered a free transfer, but no air tickets.

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KIWIS CAN AID 'ROOS

The outcome of the World Youth Championship qualifying series almost certainly will depend on the Australia v Israel clash in the final round at St George Stadium on Sunday.

New Zealand, however, could do Australia a favor by beating Israel on Friday.

Australia seems assured of victories against Taiwan today (Wednesday) and Papua-New Guinea on Friday. If Israel also wins against Fiji (today) and New Zealand (Friday) both teams would go into the last round unbeaten.

It will be the seventh clash between Australia and Israel at youth level.

Israel holds the edge, having won three, drawn two and lost only one game against the Australians.

That loss was in the 1983 World Youth Championship qualifying series, in Costa Rica.

Israel beat Australia 3-1 in their first encounter in that series, but lost the return match 1-2 in a result that sent Australia to the finals in Mexico.

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PATIKAS

I'm not just in it for the money!

By **CRAIG MACKENZIE**

A huge weight was lifted from Jim Patikas's shoulders when he left Sydney Olympic and joined Sydney Croatia for \$25,000 last month, but since, he's suffered the indignity of being labelled a "penny-pincher", a player whose main interest in soccer is only how much money he can make.

"It's been hard to take because there's been so many lies spoken and written about me recently," said Patikas, a veteran of 30 national youth team appearances and nine national team appearances, and still just 21.

Patikas spent two unhappy years at Olympic after joining from Sydney City Hakoah where he made his NSL debut when he was 15.

"I was never really happy at Olympic, I was just 18 and a half when I joined. Olympic made me a huge offer and I wanted to play in front of the Greek fans. I'd signed a three-year contract with Hakoah when I was only 15 so when Olympic's offer came along I couldn't believe it," said Patikas.

"It was Tommy Docherty that brought me to Olympic but I never got on with Manfred Schaefer when he took over as coach. He knew what players he liked and frankly, I don't think that I was one of them. I reckon he used to pick on me. The papers would say that I played okay and I knew that I'd done fairly well but Manfred would say that I had a bad game."

Patikas and Olympic president Jim Petinellis sat down to negotiate terms for a new contract about three months ago. Patikas claims that he was prepared to take a small cut in wages but felt that he couldn't stay as long as Schaefer was coach. He asked for a transfer.

"I told Jim Petinellis that I wasn't happy. I told him that I felt that Schaefer had something against me. We talked

about money and I was prepared to take a small cut. As I left his office, a supporter came up to me and asked me to help him because his car had a flat tyre. So I went to my car and got a jack and we fixed it up.

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Jim Patikas (right), in action for his former club Sydney City Hakoah, scoots clear of Heidelberg Alexander's Theo Solemidis.



GOJEVIC BREAKS FOOT

After losing former Heidelberg, Derby County, Victoria and Soccer Australia goalkeeper Vukobratovic to Brunswick Juventus last week, Melbourne Croatia suffered a further blow when Slave Gojevic broke a bone in his foot against Green Gully in the Buffalo Gold Cup.

Gojevic (pictured) transferred to Juventus for \$14,000.

And while Gojevic will be in plaster for about six weeks, Croatia still was waiting for Immigration Department approval of a temporary visa for coach Domagoj Kapetanovic.

Croatia team manager Frank Burin expected the visa to be granted as we went to press. Kapetanovic and his wife then will catch either today's (Wednesday's) flight to Australia or leave Yugoslavia on Sunday.

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Tony Schwartz ready to coach again

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That rainy, miserable September night in 1977, Tony Schwartz was on his way home from the Croatia Club. He'd just been re-engaged for another two years as coach of the talented skilful team he was patiently building; he felt the world was at his feet.

Then it happened. Around a bend near Double Bay swung a sedan car, waltzing madly from side to side, clearly out of control — and smashing at some speed into Tony's small car. Head on, as the saying goes; in a flash it was all over. For several years.

Police, ambulance, doctors, the usual mad procession. The other driver, a Maori woman, turned out to be drunk and later faced some stiff charges but eventually got off lightly with all sorts of suspended sentences. For Tony Schwartz it was the start of a Canosa.

The diminutive ex-Austrian star player and coach tries to be philosophical about the lost years, when he spent his time between doctors and hospitals, with constant backache, dizzy spells, strained neck in surgical collar — and surviving, somehow, on an invalid pension.

For the first two years or so, he couldn't look even at the ceiling without a dizzy spell resulting in a fall; neither could he look down at his toes suddenly without losing his balance. It certainly seemed that he was finished with soccer for ever.

Yet soccer was his life. In his native Vienna, at a tender age, he joined the world famous FK Austria club ("El-kha" to all true Austrian aficionados), progressed to the first team and even played in European Cup matches including a memorable one in Madrid, against Atletico where he and Andy Sagi rescued a point after being down 0-2.

Later, following in the footsteps of team mates Leo Baumgartner and Karl Jaros, Tony and Andy came to Sydney in 1959 and joined the now legendary Prague team then run by a handful of Czech emigres, Bill Ball, George Warner, Oscar Pick John Domabyl and the late English soccer nut, Vic Chelwin.

And what a team that was! Old-timers, connoisseurs and traditionalists still lick their lips when images of the old Prague aristocracy are conjured up in their minds. There simply is nothing like that around now, not the consistent Sydney Hakoah, not the star-



● The mighty Prague team of 1959, from left Lord, Scheinflug, Tamandl, Sagi, Schwartz, H Ninaus, Purcell, Sherwin, O'Neil, Hiron.

studded South Melbourne Halls, not the mathematically precise Socceros.

Later, when the great Prague was no more and the stars were scampering towards greener pastures, Tony Schwartz joined Yugal and there kept shining in 'the company of another bunch of artists: Lazarevic, Dunaj, Stojanovic, Jelasevic, Petric, Rafanali and others. The old Austrian magic with a Slavic accent. Then came a 1967 retirement and a quick switch to coaching: the reserve teams of APIA and Hakoah

and, finally, in 1976, the youthful, exciting Croatia with the precocious talents of Davies, Kovacic, Dudaric and some more.

That team had something special — and Tony was clearly onto a secret formula. That team had style.

Week after week, it attempted to play the same free-wheeling, short-passing game, based on positioning without the ball, flair and improvisation. Tony was shaping his own personal, fledgling, 'Wundermannschaft'.

And then the accident: twisted metal, contorted bodies, siren, screams, blood, morphine...

It was some two or three years before he ventured back to a soccer match as a spectator; it took him a further one or two to toy with the idea of rejoining the fold. In 1982 he went to see the World Cup finals in Spain — and that whetted his appetites for the game: hours and days he spent with the Australian team and with his old friend Joe Vangelos, there as coach of the disappointing Czechoslovakia.

Now a trim 46, Tony joined the elegant Hakoah social club two years ago as manager of the always busy Cardroom and Slickers Bar, a position often requiring the diplomacy and tact of a Prince Metternich.

But soccer, it seems, is still in his blood. Having at long last settled his protracted compensation case, Tony Schwartz is ready to return to coaching.

He has no doubts that he can do a good job — and neither do I. Soccer is in his Austrian blood.

"I'd love to handle some talented youngsters again," he says. "Skill, skill and more skill is what's missing from the Australian game. And that cannot come from coaches who weren't skilful players themselves."

"Yes, I'd love to coach another Croatia-type of talented young team. I'd try to create another stylish side. I believe in giving youngsters more than one chance."

"Keep them in the team for three or four weeks — and let them know about that. Many coaches send in the kids for 20 minutes at the end of an almost expired game; what's the use of that?"

"I know it's been said before but it still doesn't make it achieve: our kids here, up to about 16 or so, are as good as any. It's only after that the slide comes and the gap opens between us and the 'recognised' soccer nations."

"This is something we should be all concerned with, I know I am. And, given a chance again, I'd try to do my bit."

Saints offer Olympic \$20,000 for Soper

Sydney Olympic rejected a bid of \$20,000 last week from St George for transfer listed striker Marshall Soper.

Olympic wants \$35,000 for Soper but Olympic secretary Tom Doumanis is pleased that at least a starting point in transfer discussions has been established.

"I spoke to Marshall Soper last week but his contract demands are totally unreasonable as

far as Olympic is concerned. However, if St George can meet his demands then maybe a deal can be worked out over his transfer."

Olympic has tried, unsuccessfully, to swap Soper for a number of leading players in Sydney, among them Ian Gray of APIA, Graeme Fletcher or Grant Lee of Hakoah and Robbie Slater of St George.

"Maybe we'll be able to work out a player and cash deal with St George in exchange for Soper," Doumanis added.

CRAIG MACKENZIE



Marshall Soper: still \$35,000

Victoria loses Bradley to Blacktown

Blacktown beat Green Gully, Sunshine-George Cross and Heidelberg in the race to sign John Bradley from APIA. Bradley made his debut with Blacktown in its 2-0 win over Avala last week in the NSW Ampol Cup.

Green Gully and Sunshine-George Cross were keen to sign Bradley and both clubs balked at APIA's initial asking price of \$25,000. Heidelberg contacted APIA but never spoke to Bradley.

Bradley appealed against the figure and at his hearing the weeks ago it was reduced to \$20,000. But Bradley wasn't happy and after a series of phone calls between Bradley and APIA chairman Nick Papallo, the figure was reduced between Bradley and APIA chairman Nick Papallo, the figure was reduced to \$15,000 and he signed for Blacktown.

Casey de Bruin, replaced as Blacktown coach by Chris Dunlevy two weeks ago, intended using Bradley in midfield, where Bradley prefers to play. But against Avala, he played up front.

"Even though Stuart Selva re-signed last week I think that we (Blacktown) might be a bit light on in midfield but I'm quite happy to play where I'm picked," said Bradley.

The loss of classy midfielder Gary Byrne, who broke two ribs and punctured a lung in the first round of this year's Ampol Cup, could force Dunlevy to switch Bradley into midfield. Bradley has signed a two-year contract with Blacktown. He's a former Northampton Town and Dundee player and arrived in Australia to join APIA in January, 1980.



John Bradley — from APIA to Blacktown

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Kiwis confident despite poor results on tour



New Zealand's No. 1 goalkeeper, Richard Wilson of Preston-Makedonia

Although only one victory was gained in the United Kingdom (the Fijian leg of the world tour cannot be regarded as significant), New Zealand believes it has created a solid foundation for its World Cup campaign against Australia and Israel.

Four players were outstanding successes — Clint Gosling, Ricki Herbert, Colin Walker and Kevin Birch.

Gosling, of Newcastle United, performed heroics in goal though it was to Pre-

ston Makedonia's Richard Wilson, who improved markedly as the tour progressed, that the No. 1 jersey went for the climax game with England B. Herbert remains the kingpin of defence and confirmed Tommy Docherty had made a wise decision when signing him for Wolverhampton Wanderers.

Central striker Colin Walker displayed flashes of brilliance, despite seeing little of the ball, and pocket dynamo Kevin Birch showed himself to be surprisingly competent in stretching professional defenders.

Despite these individuals enhancing their reputations, results were distinctively unspectacular.

The one win was achieved against a Third Division Reading side "strengthened" by the

By PAUL MOON

inclusion of the elderly George Best and Martin Peters.

Inevitably, comparisons were made between the performances of Australia, in Britain at the same time, and New Zealand. Generally, the Kiwis were deemed inferior, but the World Cup clashes are still some months away and the All Whites are confident their programme will enable them to "peak" at the right time.

New Zealand tour results:
v. Fiji won 2-1,
v. Fiji drew 1-1,
v. Newcastle United lost 0-3,
v. Reading won 2-1,
v. Glasgow Rangers lost 0-5,
v. Leicester City lost 1-4,
v. Portsmouth lost 2-3,
v. England "B" lost 0-2.

Will Fallon look to Watford?

Two months after the event, the precise reasons for Allan Jones' shock resignation as New Zealand's national team coach remains a mystery.

Officially, Jones quit in order to concentrate on his new position as chairman of the Oceania Confederation's coaching committee, having taken over from Eric Worthington.

But there surely must have been other considerations when Jones discarded two years of hard work, particularly as he often has emphasised that the World Cup is the one barometer of a national team coach's ability.

Jones' blunt, self-confident style, at times bordering on arrogance, did not endear him to many in the New Zealand soccer fraternity.

His lack of popularity among New Zealand football journalists can be gauged by poor sup-

ality of the Year" poll — which predecessor John Adshead won three times.

Inability to match Adshead's results and "charisma" also affected the public image of Jones, who will remain as National Director of Coaching.

Kevin Fallon, Assistant national team coach for four years, was the obvious successor as All Whites supreme, particularly after his track record with Gisborne City in domestic soccer last season, the first in which he did not also play.

Since Fallon's appointment there has been much speculation about New Zealand adopting the "long ball" tactics of Sheffield Wednesday and Watford, which were studied during the recent world tour.

Whether Fallon's stated belief that this system could possibly be utilised successfully by the All Whites is merely "thinking aloud" for the consumption of Israel and Australia, or heralds a new style, remains to be seen.



Clint Gosling — starred on the Kiwis



TV's 'Molly' Meldrum — Palinkas got him involved with Fawknor.



Tony Kovac of Footscray J.U.S.T. — too shrewd to be fooled by Palinkas

Get your hair cut and keep those knees up!

PALINKAS RECALLS THE GOOD TIMES

There's a hint of sadness in the voice. A sense of longing. What psychologists call "a back to the womb experience".

Joe Palinkas — the man who introduced media personality Molly Meldrum to Victorian State League club Fawknor — played alongside some of the greats of Australian soccer in the days when the game "wasn't so intense".

Now, it's all about "going out there to kill rather than going out there simply to play".

Palinkas was a kid, just 15 and a half years old, when he made his debut for Melbourne in State League. Joe Szabo, Alistair Scott, Steve Bleskany, Ray Pockock, John Wallace all were at Melbourne then. So was Rale Rasic the coach. Ken Kontra too. Those were the days...

"Entertainment's gone out of the game now. To be honest, you don't really get a chance to entertain the crowd anymore. Coaches tell players to get out there and hammer this guy or that guy in the first tackle and put them out of the game. It's a shame that it's come to that," said Palinkas.

Soccer still offers him enjoyment though. And a bundle of laughs. Like when he switched from Footscray J.U.S.T. to Brisbane City for \$18,500 in 1980.

Tony Kovac, a noted shrewd, was president of J.U.S.T. then, and Palinkas tried to "put one over" Kovac.

"I went to Tony's restaurant and told him that I was fed up with Melbourne. I said that I had this mate who was a builder in Brisbane and I fancied going up there and working as a builder's laborer. Tony told me to sit down and have a coffee and we'd chat. That was when I told him that there was this club up there called Brisbane City..."

Kovac cut the conversation short. "You don't think that I came down in the last shower do you Joey?" said Kovac. "Really, Tony I only want to go to Bris-



Craig Mackenzie

bane to work as a laborer," said Palinkas, fighting to keep a straight face.

As he's recounting this tale, Palinkas keeps breaking into fits of laughter.

"So Brisbane City phoned me up and I told them that everything was okay. I packed my bags and flew to Brisbane and City put me up in this house."

The day after arriving in Brisbane, I phoned Tony Kovac and told him where I was. Tony says, 'Joey, Joey you've got to come back'. He even offered to pay my air fare back to Melbourne. I said, 'No way, Tony. I'm a builder's laborer now and I'm happy'. 'Don't give me this bullshit,' says Tony. I said, 'Tony, I want to play with Brisbane City,' so Tony says, 'Okay, just give some time to think about this and ring me tomorrow.' I can imagine him pacing about with that furrowed brow of his. I can just imagine it.

Fights galore

"I had to tell City that J.U.S.T. wanted me to stay, so City rang up Tony. He told them there was no way J.U.S.T. would let me go. He plucked a figure of \$20,000 out of the air, thinking that he'd scare City away but he must have almost fainted when City said that they were prepared to negotiate over that figure."

Brisbane City and Footscray J.U.S.T. were poles apart. At J.U.S.T. the players didn't fight with each other on the training track or in the dressing rooms. Life in soccer up north was an eye-opener for Palinkas.

"I remember limbering up before one of our games and seeing Larry Gaffney with this cut eye. I wondered what the hell was going on and I found out that he'd had a fight with one of the other City players."

"Ask Jimmy Dunne (Morwell Falcons' coach) what it was like up there and he'll tell you all about it. It was bloody incredible. We had this physio who used to be a professional boxer and he used to have the theme from 'Rocky' blaring in the dressing rooms to motivate the lads. It certainly motivated some of them!"

Nereo Satic coached Brisbane City in 1980 and 1982. According to Palinkas, Satic was a good motivator. He won't say anything about Satic as a tactician, though.

"I never knock coaches because they've all got their own ideas and they're all different. It's very hard to compare them really."

Again, Palinkas breaks into laughter when he recalls one of Satic's training sessions.

Knees up, lads

"There was this big storm that hit Brisbane one night and we were out on the training track. Nereo wore these glasses that looked like milk-bottle tops and he decided to keep working during the storm. But once he took them off, all the lads ran for cover and as we stood there, behind poles or behind the rooms, we could hear Nereo saying, 'Well done lads, that's the way. Keep those knees up though, keep them up.'"

Palinkas was under a lot of pressure at City. The club had forked out big money for him and expected a big return. So did the local press, but City finished 12th in the 14-team NSL in 1980. The following year things were different. Under coach George Potter, a former City player, the side finished third.

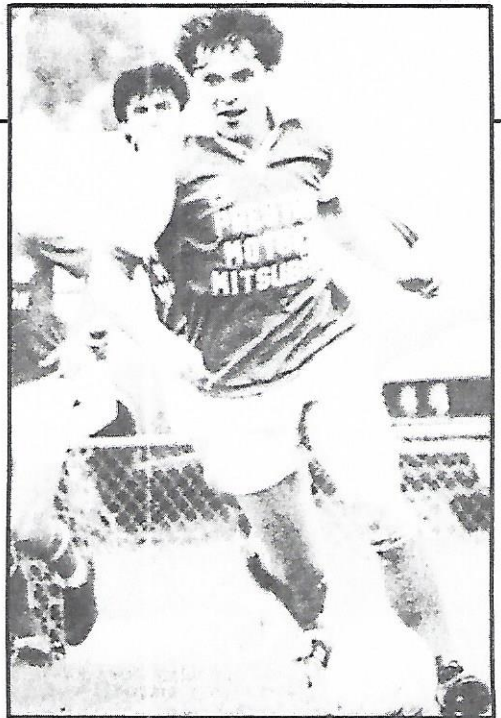
"We could have won the league that year but we blew our chance. We had a good side then with David Ratcliffe, Gaffney, Paul Wilkinson, Frank Pimblett and Steve Perry. It was really enjoyable playing in that team."

City lost Ratcliffe, Gaffney and Wilkinson for the 1982 season and Satic replaced Potter. City finished last in the 16-team NSL.

That was the end of Palinkas's days there. He returned to Melbourne, linked up again with Cedo Cirkovic, then coaching Fawknor which just had won its way into State League.

"Cedo's like a magnet for me," said Palinkas, who played under Cirkovic in the late 1970's at J.U.S.T.

"He (Cirkovic) always seems to be there at the right time. In fact, I almost went back to J.U.S.T. and rejoined him this year."



Joe Palinkas — Melbourne-Hungaria, St. George Budapest, Footscray J.U.S.T., Brisbane City and now in his third season with Fawknor.

Sydney but when I think of what playing with a great club like St. George could have meant to me, I realise how wrong I was to go.

"I also had an outstanding contract with St. George. I got \$3,000 to sign on and a return trip to Hungary at the end of the season and it had been arranged for me to play with Ferencvaros during my trip over there. Like I said, I was crazy to leave St. George."

Maybe staying with St. George could have seen Palinkas developing into a national team player. He's played for the Australian under-23's but never has made a full national team appearance.

If he ever catches the eye of the national coach, he won't be forced to get his hair cut, the way he was when he first tasted representative soccer with the Victorian under-16's.

"Rale Rasic was coaching the under-16's at the time and after a training session, he called me up and said: 'Sonny, you're in the squad for the under-16's but if you don't get your hair cut tomorrow then don't come back to training.' So I went and got this short back and sides job done and went to training the next night. Rale says: 'Good boy, now you can play.'"

And play he did. It was a Palinkas goal which clinched the national under-16 championship for Victoria, a first for that state.

Palinkas was in Fawknor's starting line-up in 25 State League matches last season, scoring six goals, and polling 18 votes in the Rothmans Medal. He says he's 28, but if he made his State League debut with Melbourne when he was 15 and a half then... well, maybe we'll take his word for it.

His friendship with Molly Meldrum has been a bonus for Fawknor for many Fawknor matches.

And Palinkas' ability also is a bonus. He has tremendous close control and can be a powerful runner, as he's shown in the Buffalo Gold Cup this season. He's clearly been one of Fawknor's better performers so far.

"Fawknor can go a long, long way in Australian soccer because the people at the club have the right attitude — they want to win."

"Gus Macleod (Fawknor's coach) puts a lot of hard work into running the club along professional lines. He's been great for Fawknor, in fact I think he'd do a great job for any club."

"I'd love to coach but when I do, I'll concentrate on skills. I've always intended coaching when my playing days are up."

"One thing's for sure. When I do coach, I won't wear glasses and run the lads when it's raining. And I won't tell players to get their hair cut!"



Gus Macleod — doing a top job, says Palinkas



Rale Rasic — coached Palinkas in the Victorian under 16's

Palinkas now is in his third season with Fawknor, but let's digress for a moment, to the biggest regret of his career.

He transferred from Melbourne to St. George Budapest in 1975 for \$6,000, a hefty sum back then. But after a year with St. George, he returned to Melbourne and joined J.U.S.T.

"I was crazy to leave St. George, absolutely crazy."

"Maybe I was too young. I'm a Melbourne boy and I never liked living in

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Green Gully players join Sunbury

Defenders Ron Kremers and Paul Beranic joined progressive Victorian First Division Club Sunbury this week.

Kremers and Beranic have signed two-year contracts with Sunbury and at the end of that period, they will become Green Gully players again, if they wish.

Sunbury, the second Victorian club after Albion Rovers to be granted a full liquor licence (Morwell Falcons since have become the third), has a magnificent 20-acre complex at Tanama Park.

The soccer club is the flagship of the Sunbury United Sporting Club which also has cricket, darts and table tennis clubs under its wing.

Northern Credit Union is Sunbury's main sponsor but individual sponsors will have their names displayed on the trackuits of each senior squad member this year.

Sunbury holds a highly successful bingo night every Friday and a dance every second Saturday at the club's impressive social rooms.

PUSKAS BEST OF ALL TIME

It was in Switzerland during the World Cup of 1954.

The Hungarian football party stopped for a quick glimpse at a local youth match.

A stray shot by one of the youngsters sent the ball flying over the bar and well beyond the playing area.

Nobody moved. Not one of the players thought it within his dignity to go and retrieve the ball.

Ferenc Puskas, Hungarian captain and then reigning world's undisputed best, muttered in amazement.

"You see, this is why there's no soccer in Switzerland," he said. "Back in my day, when we were kids, we would have run, fought and scrambled over each other just to get a touch of a real leather ball."

At last, one of the Swiss youngsters stroled after the ball, brought it back and threw it to the goalkeeper.

For Puskas, that was the limit.

"Did you see that?" he said. "Did you see it? He threw it. With his hand. Didn't kick it. He THREW it."

"I could cry."

For all who ever have played football, the incident explains vividly to what degree Puskas was addicted to the game.

I mean, who really cares whether a kid in Switzerland throws the ball or kicks it? What in the world does that have to do with the harsh realities of life or the price of fish?



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But people do care, or at least did in those days, nowhere more than in central Europe: then the home of football romance, the geographical spine of all that was good and was ever meant to be good about football.

Of course, the harsh realities of life, ironically, had a lot to do with the high quality of Hungarian, Austrian and Yugoslav football and an awful lot to do with why Puskas was merely the most outstanding of a long queue of supreme players who emerged in the 50s from that region.

In Stalinist Hungary for instance, with its grim oppression, snaking food queues, its drab poverty, its barren political future, there was no room in the mind for life's realities, only an urge for diversions and intermittent bouts of joyous irrelevance such as games of football.

As a result, the game was lifted to heights it had not seen since, its attraction having long since been buried in a maze of competing diversions brought on by the march of time and prosperity.

Which is why Hungary doesn't have a Puskas now and, for the sake of the country, I hope it never will.

But Hungarians, and to a shade less extent others, will keep remembering the magic of the Puskas' era and why they still reckon Puskas was the greatest of all time.

Many, despite Di Stefano and despite Pele, indeed agree with them.

The great Austrian Ernst Owirk, himself considered among the greatest of his day, said of Puskas:

"After playing soccer for 15 years across five continents there was only one player I

MARCH 12 HE ARRIVES

Mr George Sarosi, manager of the Hungarian Social Club in St Kilda in Melbourne, is sponsoring the Australian visit of his long-time friend Ferenc Puskas. Here is Puskas's itinerary:

March 12: Puskas flies in to Melbourne.
March 14-18: Puskas goes to Sydney and plays in two old boys' games at St George Stadium. He also takes about his football career and many other aspects of the game during a public address in the St George social club.

March 19-22: Puskas is in Canberra. He plays in an old boys' game at Bruce Stadium and makes a public address.

March 23: Puskas returns to Melbourne.

March 26: Puskas attends a party held in his honor at the Robin Queen restaurant run by former Footscray J.U.S.T. star Tommy Stankovic.

March 30: A ball is held in Puskas's honor at Hungarian House in Wantirna.

April 6: Puskas plays for Melbourne old boys against Geelong old boys at Williamstown.

April 7: Puskas plays for Geelong old boys against Melbourne old boys in Geelong.

April 12: A farewell party for Puskas is held at the Brighton Savoy Hotel.

April 13: Puskas flies out of Australia.

England goalie Merrick can't stop this shot from Puskas (on the ground, wearing a dark strip) as Hungary storms to a memorable 6-3 win at Wembley in 1953.



The Hungarians, through the expediency, brought on by player resources (and not through, I believe, any calculated plan), not only got rid of a central spearhead but laid the foundations for the 4-2-4 system which was to help Brazil win the World Cup five years later.

Dino Sani, the Brazilian who was to star in the Italian first division after 1958, admitted as much in a recent interview.

"We didn't invent 4-2-4. We merely copied the Hungarians," he said.

In Puskas, Nandor Hidegkuti and Sándor Kocsis, the Hungarians had three superb inside forwards none of whom could be spared.

With Kocsis's magnificent ability in the air, they could afford to withdraw their number 9 (Hidegkuti) creating havoc in the opposing defence (the stopper didn't know who to mark), giving him more space for his pinpoint passes and powerladen shots.

At the same time, with their right half, Bozsik, being chiefly an adventurous cracker, they had to pull back left half Zakarias for more security at the back.

The team naturally evolved into one of four defenders.

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The skills still are there but Ferenc Puskas isn't quite as trim as he was in his playing days.

have seen who could compare with Puskas. Pele. But with Puskas could do with just his left foot I regard higher than what Pele did with both."

Puskas's strong reliance on his left foot (he only used his right foot to lean on, cynics would say) if anything only amplified his gifts.

Most coaches would scoff at suggestions that a young player can become a good player without complete control of the ball with both feet. Yet Puskas achieved all that anyone else had by being basically one-footed.

He was no Apollo when it came to his physical attributes either. He was certainly no

superstructure like a Pele, a Beckenbauer, a Muhammad Ali or a Vivian Richards.

Brian Glanville, writing about the 1950 World Cup, probably described him most graphically:

"A squat little Budapest urchin-figure, plastered hair parted down the middle, with superb control, superb strategy, and above all, a left-footed shot which was unrivalled anywhere in the world."

Glanville was just one of millions of Englishmen who were wooed by the Puskas magic in November, 1953, when Hungary, led and orchestrated by Puskas, walloped England — till then unbeaten

by foreigners on home soil — 6-3 at Wembley.

The game, and the quality of the Hungarian performance, has been described enough times on soccer pages already and anyone with the slightest yen for soccer history can probably recite most of them.

But what is not often remembered is how the game, the Hungarians and Puskas in particular, changed soccer's tactical and stylistic history.

Till Wembley, 1953, the modern game was played in the WM formation with a confrontation between central stopper and battering ram centre forward characterising every game.

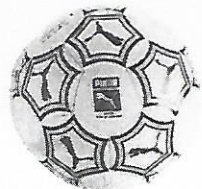
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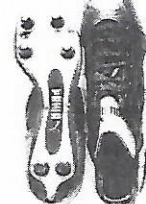
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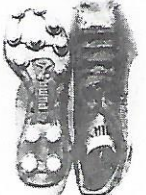
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Play on, Gardiner

**S.G. Cross 1
M. Falcons 1**

A last minute equaliser from Ossie Latif saved face for Sunshine-George Cross but clearly coach John Gardiner still has major problems to solve, especially in defence.

Perhaps some of those problems can be overcome by Gardiner playing sweeper rather than switching, as a player, to a lower league club, for I've got no doubts that provided he can shake off the aches and strains, he'd be invaluable at the back.

Morwell, on the other hand, looks good. It's won a semi-final spot in the Buffalo Gold Cup, the only State League club to do so, and if coach Jimmy Dunne decides to strengthen his squad then the rest of State League will be hard-pressed to stop Falcons winning successive championships.

Jim MacLean's passing was a treat to watch against Sunshine-George Cross, not just the direction of his passes but the weight he puts on the ball, able to play it short or long to a teammate's foot or just in front of a teammate in full flight and the cynics who knock MacLean for his "poor work-rate" miss the importance of his playmaking ability.

The game opened in sensational style, for just three minutes were gone when 'Cross was punished for its ineptitude at the back.

The 'Cross defence failed to clear and a John O'Callaghan header set up Ian Stirling, who was unmarked just inside the area. Lou Kastner came off his line but Stirling struck the ball under Kastner's body to make it 1-0.

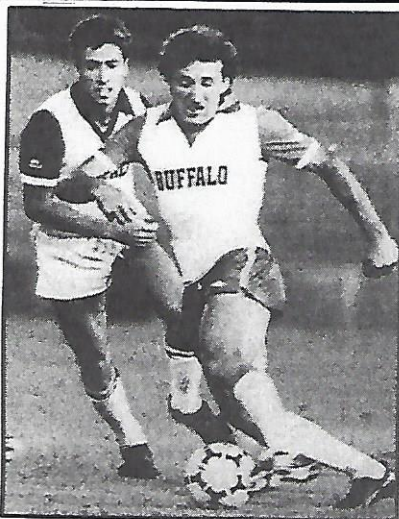
Ivan Istuk, making his debut for 'Cross after joining from Provisional League club, got his head to a Latif header in the 38th minute but Romeo Prezioso saved at the second attempt.

Three minutes later Latif made a great run, cutting in from the left and stroked the ball into the path of Net Mitten, who was no more than eight metres from goal. Mitten took far too long to get in a shot and was tackled from behind. Referee Chris Bambridge ignored pleas for a penalty.

Sunshine-George Cross seemed to have blown its chance to draw level when Latif ran onto a superb pass from Carl Glider but blasted the ball a mile over in the 65th minute.

However, he made amends in the final minute, even though it took an uncharacteristic bad back pass from Moore to set up Latif.

CRAIG MACKENZIE



George Cross recruit Ivan Istuk, about to turn past Andrew Zinni of Juventus. Pictures by **LES SHORROCK**.

YAKKA IN, BROWN BACK, BUT FAB ON THE OUTER

**Juventus 3
S. Geo Cross 2**

Fabio Incantalupo stood disconsolately outside the dressing rooms milling over what his next move will be.

The former young Socceroo has worked hard on his own over the summer and is in his own mind convinced that he is fit and fully over the injury which kept him out all last year.

After having been un-



By **PETER DESIRA**

wingly made the centre of the Tommy Traynor sacking, he now finds himself still out of the Juve side and not knowing whether he will have a regular spot in the team once the league season starts.

The explanation given to him is that coach John Margaritis still considers him not fully fit and needing to lose weight before he comes into contention.

But if one considers that this match carried no significance as both teams were ruled out of the running for a semi spot, the question to be answered is: How is Incantalupo supposed to gain match fitness by sitting on the bench?

And if the situation applied to Incantalupo, why didn't the same go for John Dowie who just has returned from an overseas holiday and only has had a couple of training sessions at the club?

These were the questions that must have been going through his mind on Friday night when he said: "I still haven't signed a contract and won't until I know what is going to happen."

"I need regular, first-team

football to re-establish myself."

That situation apart, Juventus showed the first signs of a revival in this match.

Goalkeeper Yacka Banovic was signed for \$14,000 from Melbourne Croatia an hour before the game, and Brian Brown came in for his first match of the season at sweep-er after the visa vacancy spot was created for him by the departure of Kevin Lloyd to Green Gully.

The only player missing from what one might consider to be Juve's strongest side was fullback Peter Lewis, who clashed with goalkeeper Sean Keogh at training and, for once, came off second best in the tackle.

Significantly, Margaritis dropped Gary Ward and pushed Andrew Zinni into a central attacking position as Joe Sweeney's partner.

If this match was any indication, the two have hit it off superbly and Zinni had probably his best match for the club for a number of months.

Zinni's move inside also gave Robbie Cullen the free-

dom to make the runs he loves to make down the right flank and the two players played a part in all three goals for Juve.

Frank Geremia, Juve's best player in this Buffalo Gold Cup series, started the move for the first goal.

Paul Wade controlled the fullback's cross from the right, passed to Cullen, who then dummed past a player, before firing his shot home.

The second goal came two minutes into the second half, with Wade winning a challenge in midfield, lobbing the ball to Zinni, who got a foot to it, allowing Cullen to shoot past Lou Kastner.

Banovic, obviously feeling a bit rusty after so many weeks of inactivity, was caught out badly missing a cross from the right and allowing Net Mitten to head home at the far post in the 55th minute for a goal that put 'Cross temporarily back into the game.

But temporary it was, for only three minutes later, Cullen pushed the ball through for Zinni and the striker squared it for Sweeney to hit his shot home off the keeper for Juve's third goal.

Banovic made his best save of the night diving spectacularly to stop an awkward back pass from Geremia and Sweeney missed an excellent opportunity to add to the score before 'Cross reduced the arrears with two minutes to go when Ossie Latif converted a penalty.

Young watches as the Gully hits back

**Croatia 2
Green Gully 2**

Andrew Young was flown down from Canberra as Green Gully's guest for this game and the defender must have seen enough to encourage him to move to Melbourne and join the green and whites.

While most Croatia supporters were moaning about throwing away a two-goal lead, Green Gully deserves great praise and there's no doubting the character of its players who simply refuse to lie down when the going gets tough.

But Gully started off badly. Stuart Cannell, usually reliable but shaky in this game, let go a cross from Drago Deankovic on the right. Greg House, as did Lou Denys, thought that Cannell was going to clear and both were caught napping. Steve Gojevic was ready though, and darted in to poke the ball past Denys from close range.

Gully should have levelled in the 32nd minute.

Leading Buffalo Gold Cup scorer Paul Lewis stroked past a defender and hammered the ball hard but Croatia goalie Zeljko Govic added to the list of fine reflex saves he's chalked up in this competition. The ball fell to Kevin Lloyd who mistimed his shot and



Tommy Cumming, about to break away from Green Gully's David Smallman.

Croatia cleared just before Lewis or Ken Smart could pounce from almost on the goal line.

Gully looked well beaten nine minutes into the second half when Croatia player-coach Tommy Cumming, who hands over the reins to Dom Kapetanovic shortly, scored his side's second goal.

George Hannah, one of the stars of the Buffalo Gold Cup, knocked a long ball over the top of the Gully defence. Denys came off his line but was helpless as Cumming ran onto the bouncing ball and lobbed it over the Gully goal.

Govic got down well in the 55th minute to save David Smallman's header following a

cross from Lloyd and two minutes later Williams shot just wide.

Gully deservedly broke through in the 58th minute. Jozo Antolovic's bad back pass left Shaun Parton in no man's land and Lewis scooted clear and struck the ball past Govic and just out of the reach of Croatia defender desperately trying to cover for his goalkeeper.

Cumming came deep, to Croatia's left back spot, to help his defence in the 65th minute. He tried to play the ball square to Hannah but knocked it past Hannah to Ken Smart, who was able to strike a low cross toward the near post and the incoming Lewis cracked in a first timer for the equaliser.

With two minutes to go, Josip Biskic could have put Croatia back in front but his firmly struck shot was well parried by Denys.

Lewis's goals were the first conceded by Croatia during this competition, which says a lot about Croatia's defence and about Lewis's scoring ability and about Green Gully in general.

What a different it is now at the Gully. I remember going into its dressing room after a Buffalo Gold Cup game against J.U.S.T. last year and listening to one of Gully's regulars turning to a team mate and saying: "Well, at least there's someone as bad as us in the National League."

That same Gully player probably felt as sick as the other Gully players after drawing with Croatia last weekend. The way Gully reacted to that result, you would have thought that the side had been beaten. And that's just how coach Bobby McLachlan wants his players to react.

CRAIG MACKENZIE

Hannah, House power Croatia

**Croatia 2
Polonia 0**

Croatia left back George Hannah put on a power-packed display capped by a goal in the last minute. It had been 34 matches since his last goal - against Sydney Olympic in a 3-1 victory in Sydney.

Hannah and Greg House, the \$1500 recruit from Knox City, provided most of the highlights in this match. House, who got a run ahead of Steve Gojevic who was on the bench, provided a steady stream of crosses and square passes that should have given Croatia a much bigger score.

Croatia played without giant sweeper Aki Kotzamalichis, who was in Sydney with the young Soccereros for the World Youth Championship series, but Tony Curcio returned after suspension and played well as usual.

Unfortunately, someone will have to miss out when Kotzamalichis returns, but who? Drago Deankovic, the right back, had an excellent game against Polonia, so it would hardly be fair to drop him.

It was surprising to see Croatia player-coach Tommy Cumming replacing himself with Danny Sabljak after Croatia had taken the lead. However, it turned out to be a blessing in disguise. Sabljak went to the left back position previously occupied by Hannah, who moved to the left mid-field position vacated by Cumming (who had started the game as striker). From midfield, it was possible for Hannah to get further forward, resulting in that second goal.

Polonia, as usual, played flashes of exciting soccer, sometimes weaving together up to 10 uninterrupted passes, but then lapsing into depressing periods of lethargy. Peter Czapnik in midfield had his best game of the series so far.

and Janusz Przybilla looked more dangerous up front than he had in earlier games.

Jim Campbell should have scored for Croatia in the second minute, but his shot from close range bounced off the bottom of the far post, and came back to goalkeeper Leszek Dzielakowski.

Polonia replied with a shot by Czapnik which was cleared off the line at the far post by Deankovic.

Then the Greg House show started. First he laid back a good pass to Deankovic who shot just wide. Next, he went on a long run forward but instead of cutting in and trying a shot, he laid it off to Cumming, resulting in both of them being closed down by opponents. A square pass by House into the penalty area was left by Cumming for Campbell whose marker prevented him from shooting. Then House played another cut-back for a shot from Josip Biskic, saved by Dzielakowski.

The misses must have been getting Hannah down, so he took matters into his own hands and went on a long, breakaway run before passing to Cumming and following up on the return pass for a shot which was parried by Dzielakowski for a corner.

The first half ended with Victor Cristaldo volleying too high after a cross from Deankovic.

Przybilla started the second half by putting the ball into the net for Polonia, but it was ruled offside.

Cristaldo was replaced shortly afterwards by Gojevic, but once again Polonia came close to scoring. It started with a throw-in by Ricky Liparski. The ball was headed on by Przybilla and went to Leszek Gregorcuk whose header at goal was tapped over the bar by goalkeeper Zeljko Govic.

The deadlock was broken in the 55th minute. House slipped a pass to Biskic who turned and belted the ball like a bullet past Dzielakowski.

With seconds to go, House took a corner, a shot by Gojevic was deflected and there was Hannah to put it away.

— **LAURIE SCHWAB**

Lyndale starts new Cup series

The inaugural Gorbals Cup kicks off on Sunday at Barry Powell Reserve, Halton Road, Noble Park North, home of Provisional League club Lyndale United.

The tournament, sponsored by Ronnie McGlone and John Coyne, features six, predominantly Scottish clubs, broken into two groups of three.

Group A: Prahran Celtic, Dingley, North Dandenong.
Group B: Lyndale United, Cranbourne, Mitcham.

Here is the draw for the round-robin section of the tournament:

Prahran Celtic v Dingley at 10 am, Cranbourne v Mitcham at 10.40 am, North Dandenong v Prahran Celtic at 11.15 am, Lyndale United v Cranbourne at 11.50 am, Dingley v North Dandenong at 12.30 pm, Mitcham v Lyndale United at 1.15 pm.

The top two teams in each group go through to the semi-finals. The semi and the final will be played later in the afternoon.

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SECTION A

MELBOURNE CROATIA 2 (Biskic 55th, Hannah 69th) POLONIA 0. Referee: Dennis Voutsinas 8.

CROATIA: Govic 7 — Deankovic 8, Parton 6, Curcio 7, Hannah 9 — Biskic 8, Campbell 6, Antolovic 6, Cammell 6, Cumming 7 — Cumming 7 (Sabijak 57th), House 8. Coach: Tommy Cumming.

POLONIA: Dzielakowski 5 — Lipiarski 6, Smolarek 7, Avian 6, Kolaric 6 — Gibson 5 (G. Czapiak 57th), P. Czapiak 8, Gregorczuk 7 — Tront 5, Warsawski 5, Przybyla 6. Coach: Eddie Reid.

MELBOURNE CROATIA 2 (Gojevic 13th, Cumming 44th) GREEN GULLY 2 (Lewis 58th, 65th). Referee: Jim Fearn 8.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Govic 7 — Deankovic 7, Parton 6, Curcio 6, Hannah 7 — Biskic 7, Antolovic 6, Cammell 6, Cumming 7 — Gojevic 7 (Cistaldo H.T. 5), House 8. Coach: Tommy Cumming.

GREEN GULLY: Denys 6 — Murray 7, Krajacic 6, Cannell 5, McLeland 7 — Smart 6, Vassallo 6, Smallman 6, Williams 6 — Lewis 8, Lloyd 7. Coach: Bobby McLachlan.

POLONIA 1 (Przybyla 61st) SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 1 (Brown 68th). Referee: John Stojkovic 8.

POLONIA: Dzielakowski 4 — Lipiarski 6, Smolarek 10, A. Czapiak 8, Kolaric 6 — Gibson 6, P. Czapiak 6, Gregorczuk 4 (Vojna 57th), Avian 5 — Przybyla 7, Warsawski 5. Coach: Eddie Reid.

HELLAS: Laumets 7 — Russell 6 (Kallafidis 58th), Blair 6, Yzen-doom 5, Vardakis 5 — Botzinoski 7, McDowell 7, Halford 7, Murphy 5 — Brown 6, Egan 6. Coach: Len McKendry.

SECTION B

SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS 1 (Latif 70th) MORWELL FALCONS 1 (Sirtion 3rd). Referee: Chris Brambridge 5.

SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS: Kastner 5 — Scerri 5, Bennett 6, Richardson 5, Taylor 6 — Mitten 5 (McGorian 45th), Faulkner 6, Bain 5, Istuk 5 — Gilder 6, Latif 6. Coach: John Gardiner.

MORWELL FALCONS: Prezioso 6 — Bingham 8, Moore 7, Bruns 6, Train 7 — van Baar 6, MacLean 8, O'Callaghan 6, Cassar 5 (Brabbin 34th), 5 — Sirtion 6, Athersch 6. Coach: Jimmy Dunne.

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 0 FAWKNER 1 (Palinkas 61st). Referee: Sam Zoumas 7.

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.: Turudia 7 — Durdevic 6, Jovic 7, Karic 6, Lujic 8 — Perez-Regioza 6, Belic 7, Curovic 7, Janjic 6 — Tapai 8, Stojilovic 8. Coach: Cedo Cirkovic.

FAWKNER: Terzini 7 — Petreccelli 6, Fattore 7, Ferla 7, Lia 6 — Sabatino 6, Sapiam (DiCeco 28th), 5, Palinkas 7, Chivellini 6 — Heap 4 (Ciccolani 47th), Tuffield 6 (Arico 47th). Coach: Gus Macleod.

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 3 (Cullen 32nd, 37th, Sweeney 58th) SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 2 (Mitten 55th, Latif 68th). Referee: Stuart Mellings 8.

JUVENTUS: Banovic 7, Geremia 8, Brown 7, Drinoczyk 7, Campbell 7, Cullen 8, Dowie 7, Miranda 8, Wade 7, Zinni 8, Sweeney 7, Coach: John Margittis.

GEORGE CROSS: Kastner 7, Bennett 7, Richardson 7 (Scerri 53rd), Gardiner 8, Taylor 7, McGorian 7 (Bain 53rd), Faulkner 8, Istuk 7, Mitten 7, Gilder 7, Latif 8. Coach: John Gardiner.

SECTION A

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Croatia	3	2	0	7	2	8
Green Gully	2	3	0	9	4	7
Makedonia	2	2	0	5	3	6
Hellas	1	2	2	6	5	4
Polonia	0	2	3	5	9	12
Box Hill	0	1	3	3	12	1

SECTION B

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Heid-Alexander	3	1	0	8	2	7
Morwell Falcons	2	2	0	6	3	6
Fawknar	2	1	2	5	7	5
Juventus	1	2	2	6	8	4
S.George Cross	0	3	2	7	9	3
Foot. J.U.S.T.	1	1	3	4	7	3

Remaining games at Olympic Park, early game at 7.15 pm: Tonight (Wednesday): Makedonia v Box Hill; Heidelberg Alexander v Morwell Falcons.

Saturday: Semi-finals.

Wednesday, February 27: Final.

TOP SCORERS: 8 Lewis (GG); 4 Patterson (Heid), Latif (SCG); 3 Lana (PM), Halford (SMH); 2 Warsawski, Przybyla (Pol), Gojevic (Cro), Moore (Falco), Palinkas (Fawl), Sweeney, Cullen (Juve), Gilder (SCG).

Raw deal for Dinamo

The Victorian State League board of management last week voted not to allow St Albans to be called "St Albans Dinamo" and has decided to uphold the forced assimilation policy once high on the list of priorities of the ASF executive.

I can't help but see such moves as overly racist.

Goodness knows why clubs allow others to label them but "Soccer Action" won't be telling you what name to call your club. You'll be telling us and that's the way it's been with this newspaper since its inception.

Now, imagine what would happen if the NFL folded and clubs returned to the financial viability of State Leagues. Would the VSF instruct Melbourne Croatia, Brunswick Juventus, Preston Makedonia or South Melbourne Hellas to drop the "funny foreign" appendages from their club names, or else?

Yes, I'm sure you know the answer to that one.

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

And what does last week's State League board of management decision mean to Albion Rovers, who recently amalgamated with Turkish club Turku Gucu of Sunshine? No Turku Gucu, it seems, so while clubs struggle to make ends meet, the much-needed revenue generated from introducing top-level soccer could be lost.

There's a way around all of this, though.

Let the Press, which always talks about "freedom", give clubs, no matter what ethnic group they represent, the freedom to decide their club names.

Journalists who take the official, establishment line are, in my opinion, as guilty of racism as those responsible for telling ethnic groups that their desired club name is undesirable.

MAKEDONIA
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Preston Makedonia should become the fourth semi-finalist in the Buffalo Gold Cup by beating Box Hill at Olympic Park tonight (Wednesday).

Croatia, Heidelberg Alexander and Morwell Falcons are the other semi-finalists. If the Makedonia v Box Hill game was a horse race, Makedonia would be long odds-on to win. Rightly so, for surely the beleaguered Hillmen's defence, which has conceded 12 goals so far, won't contain Sean Lane, Gary Cole and Warren Spink.

If the "unbelievable" happens and Makedonia draws, Green Gully will join Croatia as the semi-finalists from Section "A".

As well as having the classier players, Makedonia also should benefit from coach Bill Murray's expert knowledge of the Box Hill players. It was Murray who guided Box Hill back into State League two years ago.

The other game tonight, features the semi-finalists from Section "B", Heidelberg Alexander and Morwell Falcons. The result is of little consequence, although finishing on top of this section carries prestige and also influences the semi-final draw.

Getting through the game without injuries will be uppermost in the minds of both sides as the semi-finals are on Saturday night at Olympic Park.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

Smolarek halts Hellas

Polonia 1
SM-Hellas 1

An immaculate performance by Polonia sweeper Mirek Smolarek highlighted this match which didn't matter. Smolarek, the former LKS Lodz player, stopped everything Hellas came up with, and in the end, Polonia lost only because its goalkeeper, Leszek Dzielakowski fumbled a free kick from Doug Brown.

Brown could have won the match for Hellas in the fifth minute of play, when his shot bounced off the post after a square ball from Peter Vardakis but by the same token, Dave Gibson and Janusz Przybyla had ample opportunities to win it for Polonia. Neither side, however, could quality for the semi-finals.

John Yzen-doom was back in the Hellas team after injury while Andy Czapiak returned to Polonia for his first match of the Buffalo Cup. Joe Tront made room for Czapiak.

Danny McCuskey still has not been sighted at Polonia so it looks like he probably won't be playing this year. Having soaked up pressure until the 55th minute, Polonia almost scored when Dave Gibson got behind the Hellas defence but shot too early when he could easily have run closer to goal.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

Bye, bye Boland,
Cozzella returnsJ.U.S.T. 0
Fawknar 1
In many ways, this was a sad night for Footscray J.U.S.T.

Dennis Boland, the man who has held the fort for years, finally has quit and will concentrate on coaching Mordialloc. His successor, Mark Turudia from South Melbourne Hellas, made his debut against Fawknar in a match which saw J.U.S.T. go agonisingly close to scoring at least six times, only to go down 1-0 with a goal scored by Joe Palinkas, a former J.U.S.T. star. To sour J.U.S.T.'s already unpalatable medicine, Fawknar used youngsters Ralph Petreccelli, Paul Ferla, Frank Sabatino, Paul Chivellini, Tony Arico, John DiCeco and Mario Ciccolani. Assistant coach Billy Milne is the man who has played a big part in developing these teenagers.

Fawknar hoped to sign former national youth player John Little from Shepparton Makedonia and striker Steve Irvine from Croynod as we went to press and was vying with Polonia to win the signature of transfer listed Northcote midfielder Colin Quigley.

Striker Ian Tuffield played his last game for Fawknar before heading off to the U.S. and new signing Andrew Heap from Prahran Celtic made his debut. With Tuffield gone and Irvine from Croynod, Fawknar's last game at Springvale City, Bruno Cozzella's return after a temporary retirement due to business commitments, is a big boost to Fawknar coach Gus Macleod. Cozzella played in a practice match last weekend.

J.U.S.T. also had a debutant, Dragan Janjic from Springvale United, but neither Heap nor Janjic stood out.

One minute into the second half, Tapai cheekily chipped the ball back to Milan Stojilovic on the left of the Fawknar area. Stojilovic cleared a low drive which sent the ball cannoning onto the near post.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE



Mike Micevski

Micevski
in dispute,
Beattie
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By CRAIG MACKENZIE
and MICK MITTEN

Mike Micevski is in dispute with Northcote and has asked for a transfer and Western Suburbs still is waiting for Northern Irish midfielder George Beattie to fly in.

Micevski is a former Marconi, Heidelberg, Hakoh (Vic), Altona City and Altona Gate player and in 1975 made six appearances for Australia.

A hitch developed over Beattie's visa last week but Suburbs was confident that everything would soon be sorted out and he'll be here shortly.

Meanwhile, Suburbs didn't carry much luck against Knox City last weekend. Steve Kakantonis, twice, and Kieron Coyle hit the post but Suburbs were sunk 1-0 with a late goal from former Footscray J.U.S.T. and Northcote striker Milan Kojic, who sent a free kick into the top corner.

Despite the loss, Suburbs coach Jimmy Condilis wasn't pessimistic about his team's 1985 prospects and raved about a future star in teenage goalkeeper Jimmy Hatzilazarou.

"Jimmy's just 16, but what a player he's going to be. In fact, the way he's playing now, he looks capable of holding our first team spot all season. He played with the Victorian under 16's last year and is one of the most outstanding goalkeeping prospects I've seen," said Condilis.

Thomastown went to the top of section "A" in the Buffalo League Cup after its second successive win, this time against St Albans Dinamo. Fred Beller got the winner, like he'd done the previous week against Knox but he has young Dinamo goalkeeper Mate Grgic to thank. Grgic, in attempting a clearance, punched the ball on to Beller's head and it rebounded into the Dinamo net.

A Peter Orlerton goal was enough to give Croynod the points against Springvale City last Saturday. Graham French crossed the ball from the left and Orlerton, Croynod's player-coach, chested down superbly then struck the ball past Springvale goalkeeper Gary Clayton.

But there were many positive features about Springvale and it seems certain to at least hold its own in State League this season. The commitment shown by John Luyten, Ged Bannon, Jim Nelson and Gordon Bentley against Croynod was admirable and Springvale should achieve its immediate aim of consolidating its State League status.

There are two Buffalo League Cup rounds this week. Here are the games:

THURSDAY: (Tomorrow, kick offs 7 pm): Northcote v Croynod; Ringwood Wilhelmnia v Albion Rovers; Western Suburbs v St Albans Dinamo; Frankston Pines v Knox City.

SUNDAY: Springvale v Northcote; Croynod v Ringwood Wilhelmnia; Thomastown v Western Suburbs; St Albans Dinamo v Frankston Pines.

Buffalo League Cup details:

SECTION "A"

SPRINGVALE CITY 0 CROYDON CITY 1 (Orlerton 62nd)

SPRINGVALE CITY: Clayton 8 — Lague 5, Luyten 8, Malt 6, Luca 7 — Garvey 6, Bannon 8, Bentley 7, Greener 6, Nelson 7, Bell 6, Coach: Ian Greener. CROYDON CITY: Whitehead 6 — Brown 7, O'Brien 7, Singleton 7, Tansey 6 — Livingstone 7, Brewerton 6, Taylor 7, McDonald 7 — French 7, Orlerton 7. Coach: Peter Orlerton.

ALBION ROVERS NORTHCOE 1

ALBION ROVERS: Cipi 7 — Galea 5, Gilmour 5, Wilson 5, Douglas 5 — Reilly 5, Picoane 4, Purcell 7 — T. Latif 5, Altonos 5 (Patsman 45th). Splitter 4. Coach: Ray Langdale.

NORTHCOE 0

NORTHCOE: Gianopoulos 7 — Patinotis 7, Bozakis 7, Cutter 7, Kouremos 7 — Toro 7, J. Constantinou 6, Bekiaris 7 — Dionisopoulos 6, P. Constantinou 7, Filipis (inj), Stalidis 15th, 5th. Coach: Jimmy Pyrgalos.

SECTION "B"

THOMASTOWN 1 (Baller 50th) ST. ALBANS DINAMO 0

THOMASTOWN: Raponi 8 — Carfora 7, Acsesi 7 (Pianetto 67th), Costantino 8, N. Constantinou 7 — Watters 7, DiMartino 7, Franceschi 6, Salvatore 6 — Beller 8, Letic 7. Coach: Joe Wilson.

ST. ALBANS DINAMO: Grgic 8 — Kuzman 7 (inj), Mecanovic 46th, Brkljicak 8, Radman 6, Kustura 7 — Rastocic 8, Pavlovic 7, Dezic 7 — Loncar 7, Morovic 6, Culina 7. Coach: Joe Spoljar.

KNOX CITY 1 (Kojic 69th) WESTERN SUBURBS 0

KNOX CITY: Brian 9 — Aristodemov 7, Tunstall 7, Byrne 6, Roddis 8 — Murray 5 (Stoffels H.T. 5) Lucio Santos 7, Owen 7 — Kojic 7, Pate 6, Hawthorne 8 (Didao 85th), Coach: Duncan Smith.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Hatzilazarou 7

WESTERN SUBURBS: Hatzilazarou 7 — Kagioglou 6, Eposito 6, Mussel 7, Lekkas 6 — Dimovski 6, Kakantonis 7, Hamill 7 — Diliberto 6 (Condilis 60th), C. Coyte 6, Meletis 6. Coach: Jimmy Condilis.

SECTION "A"

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Northcote	1	0	3	3	0	2
Croynod	1	0	2	0	2	2
Wilhelmnia	0	1	2	2	1	1
Albion	0	1	1	2	1	1
Springvale	0	1	1	1	2	1

SECTION "B"

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Thomastown	2	0	2	0	2	4
Frankston Pines	1	0	1	0	1	2
Knox	1	0	1	1	1	2
Dinamo	0	0	1	1	0	1
W. Suburbs	0	0	2	0	2	0

Big Dockerty Cup win for Easts

EAST BRUNSWICK 5 (Santangelo 10th, Eyr 25th, 30th, 69th, Patsakos 67th) NUNAWADING CITY 1 (Middlemest 46th). First preliminary round of the 1985 Dockerty Cup, at Balfe Park, Brunswick, Saturday.

EAST BRUNSWICK: L. Rocciolletti, Bazzani, Traficante, Bramante, S. Rocciolletti, Stojevski, Lorenzi, Patsakos, Eyr (Monteseno 73), Santangelo, Le Fore.

NUNAWADING CITY: Fensham, Servinis (Brix 73), Amos, Furzer, Mathot, Brown, Deane, Greenwald, Sullivan, Font, Middlemest.

A hat-trick by striker Eyr highlighted this upset victory by East Brunswick over its First Division rival.

For the first 10 minutes an upset did not seem likely as Nunawading peppered the East Brunswick goal with Sullivan, Font and Furzer all going close, but three goals in the next 20 minutes put East Brunswick in command.

Santangelo ran on to a header over the defence to beat Fensham neatly then two goals from Eyr, one a first-time volley, the next a firm header, concluded the first half scoring.

Nunawading gave itself some hope a minute after the break, when Middlemest headed home after good approach work by Sullivan and Font.

However, two bad defensive errors allowed Patsakos and Eyr to increase the lead and the game was finished as a contest from that point.

Results of last weekend's first preliminary round in the 1985 Dockerty Cup: Geelong 2 Werribee 1, East Brunswick 5 Nunawading City 1, Hamlyn Rangers 0 Bulleen 1, Altona City 0 Bell Park 1, Mornington 2 Caulfield 0, Lecco Holdings 5 Springvale United 0, Ringwood United 1 Keysborough 2, Coburg 4 Moreland 0.

The draw for the second preliminary round, to be held this Saturday:

Geelong v Lalor United, Ardeer v Bulleen, Mornington v Keysborough, Coburg v East Brunswick, Lecco Holdings v Kew Park Rangers, Corio v Moorabbin, Moorabbin v Bell Park, Yallourn v Boronia, Dandenong City v Langwarrin, Altona Gate v Prahran Slavia, SM-Mordialloc v South Okleigh, Ballarat v Sunbury, Fortuna v Doncaster Rovers, Holland Park v Waverley City.

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CROOK BACK, HARWOOD 'ROBS' BEOGRAD

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 3 (Price 5th, Atsala 22nd, Konstantopoulos 53rd), **CROATIA 1** (Key 7th). Referee: Tony Martelli 8. Second game of a double header at Hindmarsh Stadium.

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS: Crook 8, Hern 7, Brown 7, Honeyman 8, McGreggor 7, Atsala 8, Manou 9, Stamatiopoulos 7, Stefanopoulos 8, Konstantopoulos 8 (Papadopoulos 74th). Price 8 Coach: Neil McGachey.

CROATIA: Siklich 8, Hutchings 7, Paleka 6, Maric 8, Bridges 8, Gollins 7, Marwe 8, Slager 5 (Almeira 41st) 5, Key 8, Timar 8, Blute 7. Coach: Jack Braidwood.

Former Soccerco goalkeeper Martyn Crook made a glorious comeback in this game — a return after 12-months lay-off — which reads like a chapter from "Boys Own Annual".

Crook was called into the West Adelaide Hellas team to replace last year's first choice goalkeeper Gary Sproul, who was suffering from a poisoned foot.

But this was no gamble by coach Neil

S.A. Ampol Cup by ALLAN CRISP

McGachey as Crook turned back the clock to reproduce his best goalkeeping skills.

Rothmans League champion Croatia brought ex-Para Hills player Dino Gallina in for the suspended Alby Rerich and had Robert Slager in from the start in place of John Klein.

Hellas had a pre-match set-back when it was unable to field its new signing Alan Scott because his club Azzurri took out an injection claiming that the striker was not correctly registered.

However, that problem was temporarily shelved when former Croatia striker Gary Price opened West's account after only five minutes.

Croatia was on level terms two minutes when Chris Key, formerly of Hellas and Para Hills, scored his second goal of the series.

Midfielder Steve Atsala restored West's

lead with the goal of the game when he cleverly chipped Damien Siklich as the Croatia goalkeeper came off his line.

With Graham Honeyman marshalling the back four, Chris Manou in dominant form in the midfield and Crook performing his goalkeeping magic, Hellas cemented the win with a second half goal by young George Konstantopoulos.

SALISBURY UNITED 2 (Williams 5th, Harwood 76th) BEOGRAD 1 (Arasina 4th). Referee: Frank Crupi 1. First game of a double header at Hindmarsh Stadium.

SALISBURY UNITED: Ostendorf 8, Lathan 7 (Barton 53rd), Higgins 8, Harwood 8, Haig 7, Bowie 7, Mullen 7, Gray 8, Williams 8, McNally 7 (Gasperetto 53rd), Bell 7, Coach: Ian Sim.

BEOGRAD: Flecknor 6 (Gale 41st 7); Kalinovic 7 (Evans 48th) 6, Jovanovic, Hancar 7, Miller 7, Douglas 34th) 8, Welsh 7, Greaves 8, Rasmir 8, Arasina 7, Toland 7, Preston 7. Coach: Uros Zivkovic.

This was Salisbury United's first Ampol

Cup success and it was laced with irony.

Before the kick-off, Beograd manager Zoran Matic presented Chris Harwood with a gift to commemorate his nine years service with the Woodville West club.

It was Harwood who "robbed" Beograd of a point by scoring the winner for his new club Salisbury four minutes from the final whistle.

Beograd blasted off to a flying start when captain Djuro Arasina scored in the fourth minute.

But, young Johnny Williams brought up the equaliser a minute later with a fine opportunist effort.

The Berries had two hard luck stories when Steve McNally crashed a Kevin Boyle cross against the near post before Harry Bell was brought down inside the box only to have his claims for a penalty ignored by referee Frank Crupi.

Harwood's successful header from a corner shoved Salisbury above Beograd on the Group B table with Birkalla as its final minor round opponent and a chance of semi-final participation.

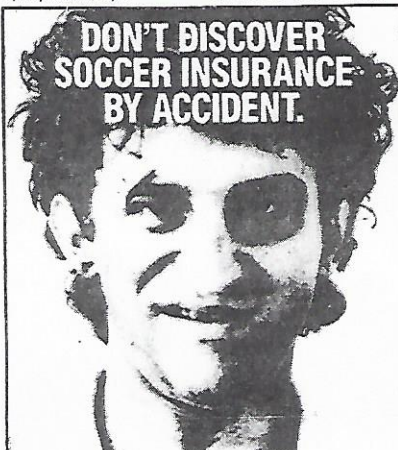


Martyn Crook

NSW mini Ampol Cup

NSW Mini Ampol Cup details:
Round 2, Saturday, February 23:
Wetla Stadium: 3pm Melita — Canterbury, 4.30 Uruguayan Auburn — Avala.
Cromer Park: 3.00 Harbeen — Bankstown National
Chopin Park: 3.00 Polonia — Fair Meadow 4.20 Ku-Ring-Gai — Rockdale Ilinden
Round One results:
CANTERBURY 1 (Dounis) **BANKSTOWN 1**
CANTERBURY: El Zain, — Karyotes, Efendiades, Pena, Harwood, — Mikolic, Anagnostopoulos, Ortopo, — Blason, Dounis, Kalogeras.
POLONIA 1 (Mabernah) **NARBEEEN 0**
POLONIA: S. Anderson, A. Colluso, Lesak, Halstead, Cladis, — D. Colluso, Prodana, Kuzmanovic (Vujinovic), — Lantini, Janic, Mahamh.
NARBEEEN: P. Dean, — Parfitt, Collingue, West, Gaskin, East (Griffin), McLean, Lowne, Gals, Akoutas, — McDonna, Van Helden.
MELITA EAGLES 3 (Lain, Allan) **URUGUAYAN AUBURN 2** (O'Shane, Penron).

MELITA: Gibson, — McCoy, G. Storrer (Barles), Wilson, O'Rourke, — Williams, Lning, Allan, — Vial, Walker, Hansen.
URUGUAYAN AUBURN: Roa-ro, — Fernandez 4, Planic, Johnson, Jones, — Cuba, Palma, G. Fernandez, — Alberto, O'Shane, Fernandez.
AVALA 2 MANLY 1
SUTHERLAND 0 KU-RING-GAI 0
SUTHERLAND: Dart, Terry, Nelson, — Cox, Heward, Grooms, Harrington, Rogers, — Gray, Larnode.
KU-RING-GAI: Prentice, Bennett, Farrell, Jesse, Watson, Elton, Bounks, Nix, — Williamson (Shearer), Sutherland (Dane), Hunter.
FAIR MEADOW 0 ROCKDALE ILINDEN 2 (Brown, Nasteviski)
FAIR MEADOW: Young, White, Morlando, Sweney (Bradell), Jones — Lancaster, Piel, Gerald, — Baker, Mowbray, Fontana.
ILINDEN: Velko, Blackburn, Nikolovski, D. Wilson, Forester, Youseph, Nasteviski, Slavski, — Brown, Campanella, (Batten), Ferguson.
Standing: GROUP A: Melita 3-2, 2; Avala 2-1; Canterbury 1-1; 1; Bankstown Nat. 1-1; Manly Warringah 1-2; 0; Uruguayan Auburn 2-0.



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Blacktown and Penrith bundled out ARIA and Rockdale Ilinden respectively to go into Sunday's Ampol Cup final at St George Stadium.

Which probably wouldn't please the NSW federation bosses for Penrith and Blacktown aren't the greatest crowd pullers around.

Still, there should be a fair crowd there, for the Ampol Cup final has been squeezed into the World Youth Cup elimination program and on Sunday the young Socceros take on Israel in what should be the decider for a spot in the World Youth Cup finals in Russia later this year.

Penrith 2 ARIA 0

Penrith City, which survived last season by the skin of its teeth, stroled to an effortless win over its more illustrious opponent ARIA Leitchhardt.

It was no real surprise when after nine minutes Hunter was right on the spot to stab home a Peter Brogan free kick, which Catlin could not grasp cleanly.

Many more chances fell Penrith's way in the first half and Ainsworth was inches wide with a ground shot following an excellent ball by McIntosh. Blacktown midfielder Easthorpe also was in the thick of the action, carving his way through ARIA's defence.

ARIA's Tony Caban's had an opportunity from a pass by Genovese but Gibson was alert, diving at the feet of the big forward. And an Arno Bertogna header was nicely saved by Gibson.

There was little joy for ARIA supporters. With the second half only 15 minutes old, Randall Easthorpe headed home Hunter corner to close proceedings and send Penrith into its very first Cup final.

Blacktown 2 Rockdale 1

At the end of 80 minutes.



NSW AMPOL CUP

BY ALEX VESIC



Blacktown City — qualified for Sunday's final against Penrith at St George Stadium

QUARTER FINALS

PENRITH 1 (Shute) MELITA 0
PENRITH: Gibson, — Brogan, McIntosh, Nix, Cross, — Ainsworth, Toohey Easthorpe, Hale, — Hunter, Shute
MELITA: Griffin, — McPherson, O'Rourke, Wilson, McCoy, — McAusland, Lning, Allan, — McKie, Walker, Vial

BLACKTOWN 2 (Larkin 6th, O'Connor 75th) AVALA 0
BLACKTOWN: Hoare, — Skellern, Wheatley, Pointer, Rasmussen, — Hormazabal, Knight, Tomthwaite, — Bradley, Larkin (Shaw 56th), O'Connor.
AVALA: Ahrens, — Lucchesi, Lembyk, Stijela, Divani, — Coates, Jordan, Da Silva (Atalgaj 25th), Tracey, — Carney, Bratkovic

Blacktown and Ilinden were locked together at 0-0, after a tense battle which saw Blacktown creating most of the scoring chances but Ilinden displaying a lot of courage.

During the first half, Knight shot after receiving a pass from Larkin but the ball sailed over the bar.

John Bradley lobbed Kotzchambos in the 18th minute but also hit the ball over.

Larkin was put through by Ricky Hormazabal but his shot was excellently saved by the keeper.

Rockdale toiled hard in this half, defending grimly.

The best Rockdale could manage during the second period was Darren Wilson's long range shot which went wide.

Rockdale almost snatched the lead in extra time when Vince Nasteviski made a fine

contribution by bursting through the Blacktown defence to lay off the ball to Slavski but his shot was blocked and Blacktown survived only to burst back and score.

Hormazabal sent a long ball forward for Larkin who hooked the ball over the heads of Ilinden's defence for Phil O'Connor to run onto and score.

Moments later, Ilinden was level pegging again. Jimmy Risteviski was at the near post to hammer home a corner kick by Slavski.

In what looked a contentious decision, Blacktown was awarded a penalty during the second period of extra time after Forester was adjudged to have handled.

Larkin forced from the spot to send Blacktown into the final.

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Frank Liddell

By RICKY ROSSO

Brisbane City's tough Scottish stopper Frank Liddell wants to play in Melbourne this year.

But Liddell, who is presently playing with Dunfermline in the Scottish Second Division, has only until February 23 when his Australian re-entry visa expires to secure a National League club.

Liddell, who was hoping to negotiate a new contract with Brisbane City, but that appears to have fallen through and Melbourne is his next choice.

"A lot of things are better there anyway," Liddell said from Scotland last week.

Liddell returned to Scotland at the end of last season and has been a regular in the Dunfermline defence. He played in the 1-1 draw with Albion Rovers a week ago.

Liddell said in a telephone interview that he wanted to return to Australia and apply for permanent residency, but he is not prepared to leave Scotland until he receives a long-term playing offer in Australia.

But City president John Ciavarella has remained firm

that his club will not negotiate over the telephone.

"If Frank Liddell wants to come back to Brisbane then we will look after him when he gets here," Ciavarella said.

Liddell, 30, admitted any return to Australia would hinge on the financial benefits and he was willing to listen to offers from any club.

"In my position, money is a big part of it. It would be silly to leave everything here without a secure future in Australia," he said.

Liddell is still retained by City but the club is facing a crisis over the number of visa players on its books.

Brazilian Roberto Lettieri is expected to arrive next month to take one of the maximum three places. But City is also interested in Melbourne's Mark Wilson and Jed Stenson, although his \$7500 transfer fee has been off-putting, and former Sydney player Andy Hodson, all visa players.

Pimblett on outer

Relations between Brisbane City and former captain-coach Frank Pimblett, who has refused to attend pre-season training, have hit rock bottom.

And the dispute is likely to success road and's chances of with New South Wales coach and on the tour to Fiji in May.

Midfielder Pimblett is the Queensland captain.

Pimblett said he was disillusioned over what he claimed was a reluctance by the club to strengthen the team which finished second bottom last season.

Matters took a turn for the worse when City suspended Pimblett for a first two NSL matches and said he would be suspended a further game for each extra week that he failed to front at Spencer Park.

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Referee's ruling stuns experts!

By
**STEPHEN
DETTRE**

Soccer referees are usually a loyal lot, and rarely criticize a fellow referee, no matter what the transgression. But most leading Australian referees admitted they were horrified at some of the decisions of Papua New Guinea referee Ian Moule.

Moule, Australian-born, had control of the New Zealand-Taiwan match.

Early in the second half — with the score 2-1 to New Zealand — Moule made what one leading Australian referee said was the "worst mistake he had seen in international soccer".

The scenario was this: Taiwan was awarded a goal-kick after a failed New Zealand attack.

One of the Taiwanese players, striker Lai Kuan-Chou, positioned himself some 25 metres inside the Kiwi half, alone and unmarked with the New Zealand defenders lined-up on the half-way line.

Taiwanese keeper Hsu Wen-Fong used the stiff breeze to advantage and launched a tremendous goalkick over the Kiwi defenders to Lai Kuan-Chou, at which time the Kiwi defenders appealed in unison for off-side.

The only trouble is, in soccer there is no off-side at a goalkick, something the New Zealand players obviously did.

"I know — much to their shame."

But neither, obviously, did Referee Moule.

While the linesman, Australia's Tim Davies, kept his flag

down and signalled to play on, Mr Moule whistled for off-side.

The decision was greeted with great surprise by referees in the stand, and also drew stunned reaction from the media contingent.

"It was one of the worst decisions I've seen at any level of international soccer," said one leading Sydney referee.

Mr Moule later said he had awarded a free-kick because "it wasn't a goal-kick, but was a clearance by the goalkeeper."

In that case, he would have been correct.

But all referees watching from the stand, and match linesman Tim Davies, confirmed the media view that it had been a goalkick.

Mr Moule also seemed to have missed another rule which was introduced last year by FIFA, the world soccer organisation.

That rule allowed for a free-kick awarded within the six-metre goal area to be taken from any point within that half of the area.

However, when the Taiwanese and New Zealand players attempted to do just that, they were instructed by Mr Moule to return the ball to the original position.



• PNG Referee Ian Moule

Taiwan's 'keeper blows it!

New Zealand 4
Taiwan 1

The Kiwis looked less impressive than in their opening match against Australia.

New Zealand led 2-0 following some silly mistakes by the keeper. In the 14th he anticipated a cross and moved away from his line but Neil Cave took a shot at goal finding the net with ease. In the 32nd Hsu Wen-Fong decided to come away from his line to pick up a cross, but overestimated the strength of the cross which was anticipated well by Darren McLennan and it was 2-0.

Then came a sizzler by Lai Kuan-Chou in the 40th minute which left the Kiwi keeper helpless and the sides went into the break all square.

Taiwan showed a lot of courage during the opening 20 minutes of the second half but its ideal opportunity to equalise in the 65th was foisted by the referee (see story at left).

New Zealand managed to hold its own from then on and the further the match went the better it got. In the end it was just a matter of a tap-in for Barton in the 85th when he faced the keeper and after Graham Jones in the dying seconds to show an easy win to New Zealand.

It could have been worse for Taiwan had Barton scored in the 76th and 87th, but he hit the side netting on both occasions. New Zealand's was a comfortable and deserved victory, but compliments must surely go to the tenacious Taiwan side. It lost the game but won many hearts, while New Zealand failed to win points with spectators by its tough, nonsense style of play.

TOP SCORERS: 5, Cohen (Israel); 2, Cave (NZ), Lai Kuan-Chou (Tai), Kalantzis (Papua), Panagis (Aust), Evans, Hoyt (Fiji), Nathan (Is).

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Israel.....	2	0	0	9	1	4
Australia.....	2	0	0	8	2	4
New Zealand.....	1	0	1	5	3	2
Fiji.....	1	0	1	6	7	2
Taiwan.....	0	0	2	2	7	0
Papua-N. Guinea.....	0	0	2	1	11	0

ROUND 3 — WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20:
4.30pm New Zealand v Papua New Guinea
6.15pm Israel v Fiji
8.15pm Chinese Taipei v Australia
ROUND 4 — FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22:
4.30pm Fiji v Chinese Taipei
6.15pm Chinese Taipei v Papua New Guinea
8.15pm Australia v Papua New Guinea
ROUND 5 — SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24:
11.15am Chinese Taipei v Papua New Guinea
1.00pm to 4.15pm Ampol Cup Finals
4.30pm Fiji v New Zealand
6.15pm Australia v Israel

ROUND ONE

FIJI 5 (Hoyt 29th & 58th, Deema 12th, Evans 50th, Delana 75th) PAPUA-NEW GUINEA 1 (Laviong 85th).
Referee: Lennox Sharp (NZ) 8.

Fiji Stan Kumar 7 — Anwar Shah 6 — Sami Vueti 6, Semesi Tokaligi 6, Martinio Nemani 6, Epeli Deema 7 (Victor Lagi 73rd) — Aiyub Khan 6, Rova Ratukalou 6, Ivor Evans 9 (inj sub Ravuama Madigi 76th) — Isikeli Delana 8, James Hoyt 8, Coach Billy Simu, Calisto Misierio 4.
PAPUA-NEW GUINEA: John Tutumang 3 — David Laviong 6, Ray Pomboi 4, Kose Papi 4, Joe Mai 4 — Steve Banono 5, Pahun Simoi 5, Steve Mune 6 (inj sub Paul Tom 54th), Coach Hans Rademacher.

ISRAEL 3 (Cohen 7th, 49th & 60th) TAIWAN 1 (Lai Kuan-Chou penalty 85th). Referee: Don Campbell 8.
ISRAEL: Lavi Koznitzi 8 — Moshe Mostrel 6, Lior Rosenthal 7, Lavi Haim 7, Elton Levi 7 — Itzhak Guetta 6, Nir Klingler 6 (Yaron Gash 75th), Alon Nathan 8 — Alon Hazan 7, Yaron Cohen 9, Zvi Gordon 7 (Moshe Eisenberg 81st), Coach: Yosef Merimovitch.
TAIWAN: Hsu Wen-Fong 7 — Lin Ching-Lung 5, Pan Kuo-Liang 4 (Cheng Yao-Chuan 68th), Chang Chun-Kuei 6, Lee Wen-Tai 6 — Chen Yi-Tsung 7, Hsu Hung 7, Mu Chin-Chung 6, Lee Wen-Tai 6, Yeh Ching-Tong 6, Coach: Chen Chin-Fa.

AUSTRALIA 2 (Panagis 67th, Kalantzis 85th) NEW ZEALAND 1 (Cave pen 30th). Referee: Tilinger Yair (Israel) 6.

AUSTRALIA: Paul Jones 6 — Robert Hooker 7, Andrew Bernall 7, Alex Tobin 4 (Mike McLennan 60th), John Gregson 6, Simon Higgins 5, Alex Bundale 6, Peter Petkovski 6, John Panagis 7 — Lou Hristodoulou 7, Chris Kalantzis 7, Coach: Jim Shuller.

NEW ZEALAND: Dave White 6 — Mike Fullen 7, Shane Clapperton 7, Mike Irving 6, Lee Green 6 — Paul Olathehoom 8, Paul Probert 7, Stuart Jacobs 8 — Darren McLennan 8, Neil Cave 7 (Phil Barton 6 (Mark Cossey 70th), Coach: Doug Moore.

ROUND TWO

ISRAEL 6 (Cohen 7th & 83rd, Nathan 29th pen, 59th, Izenberg 74th, Hassan 81st) PAPUA NEW GUINEA 0. Referee: M. Sing (Fiji) 7.

ISRAEL: Kuznitzi 8 — Mostrel 7, Rosenthal 8, Levi 7, Haim 7, Guetta 7, Gordon 7, Klingler 6 (Izenberg 55th — 7), Nathan 8, Cohen 8, Hazan 7 (Gardens 81).
PAPUA NEW GUINEA: Tutumang 5 — Misierio 6, Papi 6, Papi 6, Mo'i 5, Tore 6, Banono 5 (Nase 85), Torn 6 (Laviong 58), Kabama 6 — Simoi 5, Mune 5.

NEW ZEALAND 4 (Cave 14th, McLennan 32nd, Barton 84th, Jones 90th), TAIWAN 1 (Lai Kuan-Chou 40th). Referee: Ian Moule (PNG) 5.

NEW ZEALAND: White 8, Green 7, Ining 8, Fuller 8, Oshoorn 7, Jacobs 6, Cossey 6, Probert 6, Cave 7 (Barton 66th), McLennan 7, Edwards 6 (Jones 85th).

TAIWAN: Hsu Wen-Fong 5, Tu Sung-Hai 7, Chang Chun-Kuei 7, Pan Kuo-Liang 7 (30th Yang Fu-Hsiang 7), Lee Wen-Tai 7, Lin Ching-Lung 7, Chang Yao-Chuan 6, Mu Chin-Chung 6, Hsu Hung 7 (Chen Yi-Hsiu 72nd), Yeh Ching-Tong 6, Lai Kuan-Chou 6.

AUSTRALIA 6 (Kalantzis 21st & 78th, Hristodoulou 37th & 72nd, Panagis 49th, Ingham 62nd) FIJI 1 (Evans pen 57th). Referee: Chen Ming-Chen (Taiwan) 8.

AUSTRALIA: Jones 7 — Hooker 6, Bernall 8, McLennan 7, Gregson 6, Bundalo 9 (Sharpe 81st), Ingham 6, Hristodoulou 8, Kalantzis 8.
FIJI: Andrews 5, Samiseri 5, Shah 6, Tokaligi 6, Ratukalou 6, Evans 8, Delana 6 (66th Khan), Nemani 6, Simon 6, Hoyt 6, Deema 5.



• Lai Kuan-Chou of Taiwan, launches a shot past Israel goalkeeper Lior Rosenthal. Pictures by ALEX VESIC.

ISRAEL HELPED BY PNG GOALIE

Israel 6
Papua-NG 0

Israel had a light training workout against an inept and naive New Guinea team, scoring six and missing as many goals in the process.

The winning side showed not only some wonderful touches and good goals, but a style which is typically European.

Yaron Cohen helped himself to a couple of goals to lead the goalscoring charts after two rounds with five, while Alon Nathan also scored two. And ground stood in awe of the two youngsters and their ability to hit the net I could not help feeling that neither player is much better than the rest of this side.

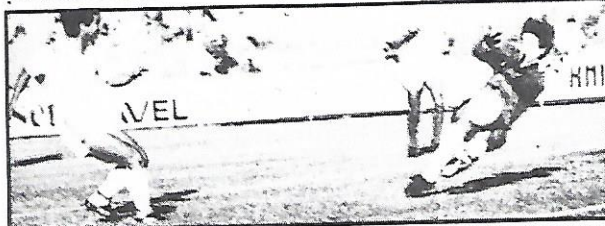
Sure, Cohen looks menacing and so does Nathan but let's not forget that goalkeeper Kuznitzi, the leadership of Rosenthal and some great creative ideas by Gordon and Hazan.

If it sounds silly to suggest that Israel are having a bad time in the shooting department then so be it, but I am sure that Nathan and Cohen would love to have as many chances against Australia as they had against Papua New Guinea.

Cohen opened the scoring in the 7th minute after the Papua keeper decided to go walkabout. Instead of keeping at the near post, Tutumang "anticipated" a cross by Cohen and moved to the far post and out of goal, leaving Cohen with the simplest of taps into an empty net.

Nine minutes later Cohen missed a sitter and in the 24th the same player side-footed over the bar from seven metres. Cohen missed again in the 44th after some good work by the Israeli team.

Cohen was not seen all that



• Israel goalkeeper Lavi Kuznitzi makes the best save of the day to stop this shot by Taiwan's Yeh Ching-Tong (left).

COBRA COHEN!

Israel 3 Taiwan 1

Yaron Cohen, 18, plays in the Youth team of Betar Tel Aviv and although the club is quite impressed by his talent, he has not managed to get into the senior team, even though Betar is near the bottom of the Israeli First Division.

He was deadly as a cobra against Taiwan, scoring all the goals against a team that looked quick and slick at first but lacked the composure of the confident Israelis.

Israel got the perfect start when, after a cross to the far post, Mr Klingler slipped the ball back square, and Cohen poked it past goalkeeper Hsu Wen-Fong for a 1-0 lead after only seven minutes.

Israeli goalkeeper Lavi Kuznitzi preserved that lead in the 12th minute, by making a remarkable save from Ching-Tong who was virtually netted to the far post when he accepted Lai Kuan-Chou's square pass, leaving the way open to Israel's big win.

Taiwan got its goal from a penalty. Mu Chin-Chung was chopped down, and Lai Kuan-Chou took the penalty. Kuznitzi saved, but referee Don Campbell gave Lai another shot, as Kuznitzi had moved too early, and this time the result was a goal.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

Kalantzis has the answer

• Members of the Israeli delegation may be tight-lipped about their tactics in this tournament, but flying Aussie winger Chris Kalantzis has no inhibitions whatsoever.

Minutes after the Young Socceroos' Houdini act against New Zealand, he was analysing possible antidotes to the Israeli skills so abundantly displayed in the earlier clash with the hapless Taiwanese.

"The Israelis are a different proposition to the Kiwis," the Sydney Olympic starlet said. "The defenders tend to hang back so as to gain room to control the ball before distribution. We'll have to play real tight on them, throw out a challenge before they have a chance to control the ball. If we do that we can beat them!"

PETER SCOTT

They also missed a penalty

Fiji 5
Papua-NG 1

Fiji midfielder Ivor Evans put on a show of masterly skill accentuated by mazy, dribbling runs past countless opponents and a succession of unselfish passes which drained poor Papua-New Guinea of all of its confidence.

Fiji adopted a five-man defence, with a sweeper behind a four-man wall. Obviously this was intended for the stronger opponents, and the first match was a good opportunity in which to try it out.

Apart from scoring five goals, Fiji also wasted a penalty when centre back Semesi Tokaligi hit the crossbar!

A feature of Fiji's play was the unselfishness of its forwards who, even when they easily could have scored themselves, opted for the square pass instead.

PNG keeper Tutumang also helped Fiji. At 2-0 Evans launched a low shot which caught Tutumang with his legs open. He grasped at the ball as it went between his legs, and must have felt embarrassed as well as the scoreline was changed to read 3-0.

Fiji goalkeeper Kumar hurt his arm in cleaning the ball soon afterwards. He saw out the rest of the match, but the injury was to prevent him from playing against Australia.

Tutumang had another shot put between his legs, this time by Delana in the 75th minute.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

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By ANDREW DETTRE

What loomed like a possibility from the start is now almost a certainty: the tournament's last match between Australian and Israel will decide the winner of this World Youth Cup Series.

On Sunday, a vastly improved Australia hit the wild men of Fiji for six to share the lead with Israel after two rounds.

It was bordering on the miraculous that none of the Australians suffered any serious injuries — like severed heads or limbs!

The very few Fijians hacked at everything that moved gave the crowd an unwanted 90 minutes of thrill. However, it all started two days earlier, with Round One, after most of the media had pointedly ignored the event, relegating soccer below the level of water-polo and vigors.

Just as the 200 or 300 early spectators were trying to whip themselves into a state of enthusiasm for the first match, the sleek Concordes took off from the nearby airport. Then, without fanfares, drums or cymbals, Fiji and Papua New Guinea took the sun-drenched field.

Fiji's big win didn't surprise too many. It was evident early in the piece that soccer has not yet entered the genes and bloodstreams of PNG people. Cameroon can and PNG can't, for a lot of different reasons. The Africans were tutored by their departed colonial masters while the PNG have been unlucky to receive the attention of some charlatan coaches from Australasia. Maybe, left alone, they could have done better.

The second match was a more serious affair. Taiwan, clever and nimble, looked capable of testing

Relief for Shoulder as Panagis, Petkovski show Hawke and Reagan how it's done

tournament co-favourite Israel. But alas, the fragile, alabaster-skinned Chinese boys, well disciplined and aglow with good sportsmanship, folded in the second half. Only the sour remained of the sweet and sour.

Yaron Cohen, a long-haired high school student, helped himself to a big Chinese three-course banquet with a hat-trick, making several Hakoah officials cast covetous eyes on him.

The third game of this marathon was preceded by what was referred to as the 'opening ceremony,' a typically Aussie casualness of laconic brevity.

The six teams lined up to form a quadrangle and ASFC chief Sir Arthur George stepped up to the mike to welcome them. Several times his brief, informal address was drowned out by jeers and boos, an almost traditional form of greeting reserved for him by Sydney's Greek fans. Only they may know the reason.

The 'ceremony' out of the way, the Anzac partners took the field. New Zealand looked distressingly tall, strong and physical from the start. Here was a team with all the characteristic British soccer virtues, built on boys of British stock.

Australia, in sharp contrast, looked brittle. The heavy sprinkling of Continental flair — Bernal, Bundalo, Panagis, Petkovski, Hristodolov and Kalantzis

— softened their outlook without making them look any more skilful.

The harsh penalty goal setback made the disarray in the Aussie defence even more apparent: the confused and frightened boys, Bernal excepted, were flailing and whacking the ball any old where. The only 'tactics' seemed to be to find Kalantzis with the long ball. And 'Chris, Baby' did raise some pulsations with a few runs and crosses, promoting his admirers to go into a few early local patriotic 'O-lym-pic' warchants.

The gloom of the grandstand was deepening: the Kiwis were set to steal the match and ruin, possibly beyond repair, our chances. There sat, in agonising silence, former youth team coach Les Scheinflug, the man who used to do a lot better and current national team coach Frank Arok, the man who knows he could do better. Both were suffering, in different ways and for different reasons.

And there was Sir Arthur, flanked by Hakoah vice-president Andrew Lederer and St George president Alex Pongras, getting an on-the-spot personal assessment of Jimmy Shoulder as a coach. Shoulder, in fact, was on everybody's mind, as he sat, slumped, near the sideline, heading towards his second ignominious fall in eight years.

Early in the second half the Kiwis created and blew

three big chances. God, as Sir Arthur later said, was definitely on our side, even if the Media wasn't. And you can't have everything. The annoyed and frustrated crowd started to hurl Coca-Cola cans at the Fijian lineamen but Mr Slingh took his ground stoically; Coke, after all, are the tournament sponsors and he felt it wouldn't be de rigeur to react to the barrage.

Then, suddenly, we alighted off the hook, shoulders straightened out and the funeral gloom evaporated. Panagis and Petkovski scored to win the match in almost miraculous fashion. The pale, almost sickly look on manager Mike Welton's face turned into a tired grin.

What Bob Hawke and Ronald Reagan couldn't do we have accomplished: we kicked the stubborn New Zealanders. Now what about that Anzac Pact?

Australia's win against Fiji followed two fairly predictable early matches. Israel hardly raised a sweat to beat Papua New Guinea 6-1.

In the second game, New Zealand took a long time to gain the upper hand over Taiwan.

The real fun came in the Australia v Fiji match which on paper at least promised to be a tame affair.

In the first few minutes Fiji Delana almost ran amok, lashing out at everybody but earning only a caution for his troubles.

Then Evans took over from him, soon to be joined by Vavell and Lagi, seemingly determined to tear off or kick off at least a few Australians legs or arms.

It was rugby at its fiendish worst, so wild and unmerciful that several fans used to grordon had to close their eyes occasionally.

Thankfully, the procession of Australian goals gradually calmed down the Fijians. All their later fouls were merely reflex actions.

Although the Australians were much more confident than on the first day, their big win had something to do with the comical display of Fiji goalie Johnny Andrews.

Australia would have won without Johnny's deeds, too — but at least he brought some light relief into a match which at times threatened to take us back into the Second Ice Age.

FLYING THE FLAG FOR A FAIR GO

Australia 2 N. Zealand 1

The World Youth Championships have produced two of Australia's finest results in international soccer — a 2-1 victory over the defending champion, Argentina, in 1981, and a 2-1 win over European champion Scotland in 1983.

Those achievements are surpassed only by Australia's qualification for the 1974 World Cup in West Germany. By standing proudly among the elite of the world's most popular sport, the senior and youth Socceros have thrown down the gauntlet to the forces of xenophobia which still hinder soccer's development in Australia.

Soccer does not get the same level of government funding as Australian Rules, for example, with the result that spectator facilities are inferior. Neither does soccer get the level of media support that its popularity among Australia's vast migrant population demands.

Most players who don the green and gold speak with concern of the wrongs done to soccer and the need to amplify the game's image. It's what Jimmy Mackay had in mind when he said in 1973, while holding up the boot with which he scored the goal that put the Socceros into the World Cup finals: "This is for the kids of Australia."

Soccer's constant battle for greater recognition resumed in Sydney last Friday when Australia's under 19 team took on New Zealand in the opening match of the Oceania qualifying tournament for the World Youth Championships.

For the players who had been to Holland, West Germany and Singapore in preparation for this series, it was the climax of a dedicated effort. For coach Jim Shoulder, it had much to do with pride, for he well remembered the criticism aimed at him, in 1977, his senior Socceros bombed out of the World Cup.

Shoulder had taken the nucleus of this youth squad to the International Culture Cup in Dortmund and the Eindhoven under 20 tournament in Holland, as well as the Merlion Cup in Singapore.

When the chips were down and defeat was staring them in the face, the camaraderie and the steady resolve which were developed on those trips enabled the Australians to mount a determined fight-back, resulting in Peter Petkovski's winning goal five minutes from the end.

After all, some of these players had reached the final of the Dortmund tournament by beating Borussia Dortmund, Real San Sebastian and Dortmund, and in Holland, had beaten NSC Breda and drawn with PSV Eindhoven. In Singapore, with the help of a few senior players, Shoulder's young Socceros had finished fourth.

It takes character to achieve results like that.

And character it was that brought about a victory over a New Zealand side which, in the words of journalists who accompanied the Kiwis, never had played as well.

Yet one couldn't help but feel that these young Socceros lacked the class of the 1981 squad that reached the quarter-finals, and perhaps the 1983 squad that beat Scotland and drew with Mexico.

Chris Kalantzis, voted player of the match, was the only player who offered something special. The rest were thorough as a team without sparking as individuals.

New Zealand appeared to have an advantage in height, but it opened cautiously, with Paul Probert, one of the team's stars and also a potential goalscorer, camped very deep as a defensive midfielder.

Paul Oosterhoorn, ostensibly playing in midfield, also spend much of his time at the back.

Australia lined up without giant defender Aki Kotzamalichs of Melbourne Croatia, who had failed to recover from a knee injury, and SM-Hellas midfielder John Kanesoulis who was on the bench.

"I feel like punching the wall," Kotzamalichs said before the game.

"Something went behind my knee and although I've been exercising and swimming a lot, I can't kick like I used to. If Alex Tobin does well in my place, I might not get back in."

As it turned out, Tobin played poorly and was replaced in the second half by Mike McLellan in a move which had the effect of settling the defence, and containing New Zealand's speedy raider, Stuart Jacobs.

Shane Clapperton marked Lou Hristodolov and Mike Irving was on Kalantzis as the game kicked off, but New Zealand was giving acres of room to Sian Ingham, Australia's right midfielder who could have — an should have — stitched up the game in the first half.

In the 9th minute, Ingham latched onto the ball inside the area and blasted it over the bar. Shortly afterwards, his header was headed over by goalkeeper Dave White, and then, on a square pass from Kalantzis and from an unmarked position close to goal, he miskicked, allowing Clapperton to clear off the line.

Clapperton thus emulated Robert Hooker, who, at the other end of the ground, had cleared off the line shot from Oosterhoorn that had beaten goalkeeper Paul Jones.

John Gregson brought down New Zealand striker Darren McClelland who was about to shoot and Neil Cave scored from the spot, and then, like a man inspired, McClelland started to terrorise the Australian defence which must still be thanking Lady Luck.

McClelland and Cave resumed their bombardment after half time and between them, could have scored three in a minute.

Australia, however, was now benefiting from a strong wind blowing towards New Zealand's goal.

The equaliser came in the 67th minute. Alex Bundalo crossed into the middle where John Panagis connected with his head, sending the ball looping over White who was caught a little too far out.

Speedy Hristodolov, who had worried the Kiwi defenders without however managing to score, broke away in the 72nd minute and out the ball back for Panagis who shot too high. Hristodolov also delivered a thoughtful square pass to the far post for Ingham, but the move didn't come off nearly as well as Hristodolov's pass to Petkovski who scored the winner in the 85th minute to chants of "St George, St George." From the crowd, Petkovski of course, plays for St George, the club which owns St. George Stadium.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

Fijians KO'd by their own knuckle

Australia 6 Fiji 1

Some of the five players booked should have been sent off but the referee showed the mercy of a nun.

Fiji showed scant regard for its opponents as it continually kicked, whinged and misbehaved before a vocal crowd.

Referee Ming Chen did not see an incident off the ball when a Fijian came from behind and Australian Palyer to floor him with a right hook to the face.

He also did not see some fancy footwork by a number of Fijians behind play. Most of the Fijians cared little for the decisions handed down by the referee, kicking the ball away in disgust and howling their disapproval almost every time Australia had a free kick.

At one stage we had an injured Fijian lying near the bye-line. The referee asked for him to be removed from the field of play, which he was, but only after some arguments. As the referee prepared to give the signal for play to continue, the injured player who had been motionless, suddenly came to life and rolled over the bye-line and into play.

He was removed for the second time but not yet another attempt to jump over the line. It was just pure crazy! Childish. Some of the antics had not been seen outside the local Kindergarten.

Fiji, banned from playing at home by FIFA for one year after an incident during a Fiji — New Zealand encounter, came close to getting yet another slap in the face by the world football organisation.

Yet they had some fine players on show, none better than Ivor Evans, the man who was brought down in the 57th minute after beating no less than four Australians, then scored from the ensuing penalty.

Had Fiji attempted to play soccer rather than brawl I am sure that the result would be in line with the attitude, positive, not that I am suggesting that Fiji would have won. Its defence is too disorganised for that, but they might have scored a goal or two more themselves and put more pressure on the home team.

For Australia, despite the troubles of the first period, Kalantzis, Bundalo and Hristodolov had fine games with Bernal, Petkovski and Panagis playing solid support role.

Chris Kalantzis was Australia's first scorer. Unattended, Kalantzis sidefooted a cross by Hooker wide of goalkeeper Johnny Andrews to make it 1-0. Kalantzis attempted to latch onto yet another cross by Hooker but the keeper got to the ball sooner only to drop it at the feet of Hristodolov who scored to send Australia in at the break two goals up.

Facing a strong breeze in the second half, Australia should have been made to struggle but the Fijians ran out of steam and were humbled.

Peter Petkovski intercepted a Fijian move and sent Alex Bundalo forward with a great through ball. As the Fijians converged on Bundalo, the Wollongong midfielder sent a curling cross the far post for John Panagis to head home 3-0.

Then came the fine run by Evans and the penalty goal which gave Fiji a semblance of a chance for a very brief moment.

Five minutes later Kalantzis was back at his best. He "rolled" a Fijian fullback before crossing to the far post. Andrews, the Fijian keeper, made a desperate attempt to parry the cross and it fell to the feet of Sian Ingham who surprised by hitting a fine shot under the crossbar for 4-1.

Bundalo pierced the defence with a fine pass which left Hristodolov with one player to beat. The Aussie youngster did it with ease, sending a left-footer wide of Andrews for 5-1.

Hristodolov tried for a hat-trick in the 78th but Andrews parried the shot only to see Kalantzis pick up the rebound to score for 6-1.

Hristodolov had yet another chance after he raced through to face Andrews from a pass by Kalantzis, but his lob hit the post and bounced out!

ALEX VESIC



Peter Scott

Almost hidden from view among the Journeymen on Parade when Fiji thrashed Papua New Guinea 5-1, was a young man of gem-like quality.

He bobbed up here, there and everywhere as midfield-cum-striker for the winners, slotted home two marvellous goals and generally drove the PNG defenders quietly insane.

From the 15th minute everyone's eyes were on Ivor Evans, as he displayed some immaculate skills.

And, would you believe it, this 17-year-old has been playing competitive soccer for only one year, the match against PNG marking his representative debut.

The son of a Fijian mother and immigrant English father lived on an outer island of the archipelago until last year, where "nobody knew what football was."

Fiji's sparkling pearl — that's Ivor Evans

Like all young boys the world over, who get their pleasure out of kicking a round ball about, Ivor has dreams.

"I want to play for my country in the senior World Cup, later perhaps trying my luck in New Zealand or Australia — and then Europe, maybe?" he mused.

But, before such great ventures, Ivor has some more everyday problems to overcome. He left school at the end of last year and is still unemployed.

His very modest ambition is to get a position as an apprentice fitter and turner, but finding jobs in Fiji is no easy task.

As for the immediate task of facing the challenges of the Youth World Cup qualifiers, Ivor Evans bubbled over with confidence and bravado after bulldozing PNG.

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Forget jargon, simplicity is the key

TIM WHITE

Victorian coaching director

"I agree that the jargon can border on the ridiculous. I think you find that it is the amateurs who go strong on the jargon. Really, I understand most of it of course but you wouldn't catch me telling a kid to use peripheral vision. What I might say is: 'Keep your blinking eyes open'."

So said Jack Charlton, now manager of Newcastle United, on the subject of overuse of coaching terminology, on the practical side of the game, is a problem.

Unfortunately coaching courses generally get the blame because of course the terminology is used on the courses.

The reason coaches are made aware of the terminology is so they understand what the author means when next they read a coaching book.

However coaches are then shown how the message can be put across to players by talking in a language which players understand.

"Soccerspeak", as Bill Shankly called it has crept over the game like fungus over the past two decades.

It is possible, as Shankly said, "to stand on some suburban park on a Saturday and hear a perspiring Svengali of the neighborhood kids' team rasping from the touchline: "Drop of him," — "Mark space," — "Run on the blind side," — "Don't ball-watch," — "Let's have some peripheral vision."

"Almost invariably the kids came off the park flushed and confused. They ache for the relative simplicity of geometric angles, algebraic formulae, and the odd French verb."

There can be no serious argument with a terminology which adapts itself to the different trends of the game.

However the use of specific instructions using simple terminology is an art which can be practiced. It is much more effective in conveying a message to players.

Bill Shankly grows at the memory of the coach of a London team who shouted to his shell-shocked players at Anfield — "Apply he principles — apply the principles."

"I thought," said Shanks, "they had their own secret code. I turned to Bob Paisley and said "Jesus, Bob, we're in trouble now. They're going to apply the principles."

Francis Lee, former England international, once wrote that coaching is crucial to a modern team. Tactics have evolved, teams are organised. The danger is that "coaches run away with themselves, get so up in the sky that they lose touch with the players."

"That is the big danger," he said.

The former head of coaching in England, Allan Wade, acknowledged that "Jargon is the refuge of the insecure."

It's been my experience that staff coaches leaving a coaching course do not leave with the idea that all he has to do is parrot a series of phrases.

In the end content always will outstrip the quality of the language in which it is dressed.

15,931 COACHES

Although only 240 soccer coaches have qualified under the national coaching accreditation scheme, soccer actually has a total of 15,931 coaches.

So says the national coaching director, Eric Worthington, in response to a recent Soccer Action article headlined "Soccer lags in coaching."

He said the national coaching council had an accreditation scheme broken into two sections — general principles of sports specific (different for each sport).

The council's model for sports specific was supplied by soccer, he said.

Worthington said soccer coaches were refusing to do national courses until teachers were found who have a knowledge or understanding of soccer.

He said in most cases, lecturers in general principles (including physiology, psychology, sports medicine, biomechanics often were academics with either a strong interest in one sport or a passing interest in sport in general, but not necessarily conversant with soccer.

"We are going to do it our way, and that's our prerogative," Worthington said. "We will mount our own courses, with soccer people only."

He said those who have qualified under the national coaching accreditation scheme are all from South Australia and Western Australia.

Worthington's figure of 15,931 qualified coaches under the ASF coaching scheme is broken up into: 9407 level one passes, 5452 level two passes and 1072 level three passes.

— LAURIE SCHWAB



Joe Watson — Sydney City Hakoah and Australia

Soccer's Peter Pan: that's Joe

By TED SIMMONS

"Fancy being picked for your first international tour at the ripe old age of 31!"

The amazement still echoes in the voice of Joe Watson, the Soccerroo "Peter Pan" whose skill and durability were put to the test before the hardened football supporters in England during the Soccerroos' world tour.

Watson relished his role as a creative midfielder and has probably been playing the best football of his career.

The first team place for Jinky Joe was a marvellous tribute to a man whose future in the sport was almost wiped out by a spinal operation 12 years ago.

"I was holding a regular first team place with Dundee United in Scotland by the time I was 19 but developed a spinal growth," said Watson.

"The doctors who operated to remove the growth suggested it would be unwise to play football again because of the effect it could have on my back.

"Sydney City had contacted me before

the operation but plans fell through when they were told it was unlikely I would play again.

"However I wanted to get back into the game and linked up with Forfar Athletic for a season which resulted in Sydney City making another offer to join them in Australia."

Watson, who was born in Leven, on the east coast of Scotland, had planned to get married while he was with Dundee, but that also fell through.

But nine months later, the couple met again and this led to the marriage which has now lasted 12 years, with two children. Watson quickly developed into a hero with Sydney City and his stylish wing play and ball artistry made him a marked man against all opposition.

His first real recognition as a Soccerroo match-winner came with his selection for the games against England in 1983, and was followed by the successful defence of the Merlion Cup in Singapore.

"If anyone had told me five years ago

that I would be picked at the age of 30 for a series of home internationals, I wouldn't have believed it," he said.

"This Soccerroo team is more exciting and competitive than any I have seen in Australia during the past decade, and has far greater skill."

"But it's wrong to call me a speedy winger. I have never been a fast player or had any real speed."

"Maybe I've lost some sharpness but that's inevitable as a person gets older."

Watson is as his best at close quarters and has built an enviable reputation as a specialist in free kicks.

"I practise dead ball kicks every week and it certainly helps at Sydney City when you can aim for big players like Steve O'Connor, Murray Barnes and Gerry Gomez," he said.

"These kicks are invaluable in the World Cup, where one scrambled goal may be all that is needed to win the match."

WEST BEST, SO SAYS ALAN VEST

Alan Vest is a man with a mission: to build up a structured NSW coaching system. For many years NSW has remained outside the mainstream of the national coaching scheme, being the only state without a director of coaching.

Last July that all changed, when Vest was brought back from 'exile' in Western Australia.

Vest aims to update the coaching system in NSW.

"In the past there have been opposing factions that have been at each other's throats for differing reasons," Vest said.

"The net result was that there have been a co-ordinated, standardised, coaching policy."

Vest will spread his time between coaching coaches, players and teams, though he admits that probably his biggest challenge is producing coaches.

"We've just recently had a five-day live-in coaching camp — the first part of our four-stage coaching course," Vest said.

"It was very valuable because we had people such as Eddie Thompson, and Les Scheinflug who came along and talked to the coaches."

Vest said he realised that no course could be the be-all end-all of a coach's education.

"That's why we try to spend as much time going out into the field to watch them in action with their own teams."

"There can be seen what they've picked up and how they apply it." Vest said he was keen to try to encourage more coaches and players from the country areas to attend courses.

"We're trying to get them to come to Sydney and also for us to get into the regional centres," he said.

Reflecting on Western Australia where he spent so much time, Vest said:

"I reckon the standard of the WA State League is just about as good if not better than any state league in Australia."

"And the top four teams there would be able to hold their own in the NSL's middle regions."

"There are a lot of good

players, but unfortunately you never hear of them. Western Australia may as well be another country."

"It's depressing for the players there when they realise that they either have to content themselves with what they've got... or if they want to progress in the NSL and the national team, they've got to move east to either Sydney or Melbourne."

Vest said he was as worried as most coaches throughout the world that players were being encouraged to start playing at too early an age.

"We push them in too early and that's why we don't get the same staying rate as a lot of other countries."

"We've got some competitions for under 8 and so on... that's far too early."

"We shouldn't really be getting them in competitions until about 12."

He said in Brazil the clubs couldn't even look at a player until he was in his early teens.

"Players should be encouraged to develop basic skills first... to appreciate the joy and fun of the game."

"I'm glad to say that some associations are now organising teams only for players around the nine year mark, but we could do with a little more restraint and move that to 11 or so," he said.

The main worry of most associations seems to be that unless they can get the players early they'll go to another sport.

But Vest is unperturbed. "We should be after quality, not quantity."

"And I'd rather that a player goes all the way through from an under 12 into a senior competition than starting at five and then quitting by 17 or 18 after a career of 13 years."

He said FIFA's new Under 16 World Cup was probably a good idea to foster the game, but he said it was important that players at that age be made aware they were still learning and had a long way to go.

"They've got to be told that, okay, it's great to play at a youth world cup, but that doesn't make them complete footballers."

"It's part of their education in the game."

Vest said there was an enormous amount of talent in Australia around the 15 to 18 age group.

But he said it was one of the great tragedies of the code here that a great percentage of those players either dropped out of the game or failed to live up to early expectations.

"Part of the reason is that we expect them — at the age of 17 or so — to be ready for the rigors of either State League... or worse — the National League," he said.



Alan Vest

By STEPHEN DETTRE

"They get bunged into the team and are expected to play consistently well for a whole season."

"People fail to realise that these kids are still learning."

"They'll make mistakes, have off days and generally have highs and lows."

"They need easing in and out of the team... just enough to whet their appetite and open their eyes as to what's needed in so-called big-time soccer."

Vest said he hoped that through his role as coaching director he'd be able to establish some stability and help pass on information and encourage discussion among coaches.

"If I can achieve that, then I'll be happy," he said.

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Now Bangu has the will to win

A wealthy soccer fan died and left a fortune estimated to be about \$184 million to his favorite team, the small Bangu Club of Rio de Janeiro.

The inheritance includes real estate, cash, stocks, oil paintings and other assets that will take at least six months to assess.

The benefactor was Luiz Osvaldo Teixeira Da Silva, an engineer and mathematics professor who died on December 21, 1984. When Silva's will was opened it revealed he had left 40 per cent of a personal fortune estimated at \$442 million to the Bangu club.

"Silva was an investment genius," his lawyer Humberto Gazzzi said. "On his professor's salary he made a fortune in the stock market, and then kept multiplying it through investments."

"Silva was unmarried and childless," Gazzzi said. "He had no natural heirs. His one passion was Bangu."

The lawyer added that the will was uncontested, and the money would be delivered to the club as soon as an assessment of the estate was completed.

The windfall is expected to mean a dramatic change for Bangu, a neighborhood athletic club in an industrial suburb of Rio de Janeiro.

Bangu won the Rio state soccer championships in 1966, but then sank into the cellar of the league. In recent years the club has not won a major tournament.



Canberra players and hostesses show off the new Canberra strip displaying the name of the club's major sponsor, James Hardie. From left: Peter Burke, Sonia Misis, Roy Jones, Julie Marks and Terry Byrne.

Gooney returns

Rajko Curcija has been re-appointed coach of Eltham and his assistant is former star player Les Gooney, who returns after a spell with Fawkner.

Gooney's playing career was cut short by a serious knee injury but he should prove to be a valuable acquisition to Eltham in its 1985 campaign.

Training has started at the North Eltham ground in Wattle Tree Road on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6.30 pm. The club is on the look-out for players in several positions and any interested players can contact Curcija on 434 4346 at home or on 439 9222 at the club.

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FIFA suspends Turner

Former South Melbourne Hellas midfielder and key figure in the New Zealand national team, Grant Turner has been suspended for three internationals by FIFA.

The suspension arises from incidents during the

Fiji v New Zealand games last October. Although FIFA does not elaborate upon the reasons for their action, Fiji players and officials accused Turner of making "racist slurs" which provoked violence throughout the two matches.

— PAUL MOON

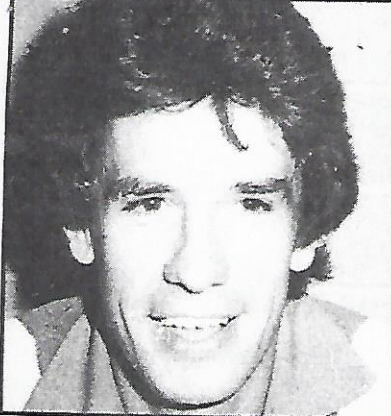
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West Adelaide Hellas coach Neil McGachey

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Heidelberg for title, Cotton is all class

Roy Cotton's back at his old club St George. That must rate as one of the best buys of the season.

Having played with Roy at St George in 1978 and 1979 and at Olympic in 1981, I've got a ton of respect for him.

He's very intelligent, really skilful and has a keen eye for goal — everything that a great all-round striker needs.

Which isn't surprising, for anyone who gets selected to play for the England youths, like Roy did, must have what it takes.

Olympic certainly could use a player of his calibre, in fact it still puzzles me why we let him go.

He'll certainly strengthen St George and he should be one of the top scorers in the NSL this year. At 26, he's still got a good few years left in him.



Murray listed at \$8,000

• Sydney City Hakoah has transfer listed winger Willie Murray (pictured) at \$8,000.

Murray is a former Hearts of Midlothian player and is a tricky, skilful, goalscorer whose experience and ability shouldn't see him sidelined for long.

played in the 1981 and 1983 finals.

Even though Israel and New Zealand look like giving us tough opposition, I'm very, very confident that our youngsters can clinch a hat-trick of finals appearances.

he'll provide Heidelberg with a lot of versatility and quality.

His experience in midfield, alongside Theo Selemidis, Mike Valentine and either Steve Tasios or John Metaxas (two youngsters who really impress me) will be the driving force behind the side this season.

Up front, Stevie Winn, Scott Patterson and Stewart Stevenson are fighting for two spots in the starting line-up. They all can score goals and with Charlie Yankos and Jeff Olver at the back, the Heidelberg defence is going to be tough to crack.

Let's be brave and make an early prediction — Heidelberg for the National Conference championship!

Here comes Heidelberg

It's great to see a mate of mine, George Christopoulos, back in Melbourne and I'm sure that the Victorian soccer public will enjoy watching him in action for Heidelberg Alexander.

George is at home either at the back or in midfield and

Psychology, diet and keeping the wives happy

Q. You were appointed 1985 National League coach of West Adelaide Hellas recently, but as yet your appointment hasn't received very much publicity even though many aspects of your coaching plans appear to be quite radical, especially for West Adelaide, which hasn't really seen this type of thing before — where a coach for example goes out of his way to speak to the supporters. And another thing, I don't think the use of specialist coaches really is prevalent in Australia at this time.

Maybe you could go through your coaching plans and the reasons behind them.

McGACHY — I've got a number of plans. One of the main ones is to get the supporters more involved in the game, and that's why I've asked for a supporters' meeting. After every home game they'll be invited to the grandstand and they'll be allowed to ask any questions — whatever is on their mind — and I'll be trying to answer those questions as best I can.

The reason I want to do that is to let the supporters know first hand the reasons why I make a decision. The supporters are an equal part of the club — as much as the committee members, as much as the players. That's one of the reasons why I want supporters' meetings.

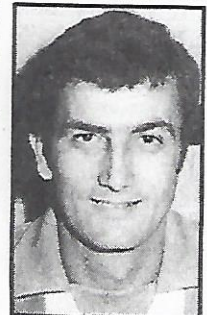
With regards to individual coaching, I think the days of the one coach looking after the 18 players is over. I never believed it was a successful system. In every other sport that you look at throughout the world, specialist coaches are part and parcel of the game.

It's got to be that way because every player's an individual, and to contribute the time of those people is very important. They only improve through individual attention and there's not one man anywhere in the world who can give 18 men the equal attention they all deserve to develop their own game.

Q. Who have you appointed as specialist coaches, and in what fields?

McGACHY: Nick Pantelis is my attacking skills coach. Tab Jones is my defensive skills coach. Nick Bujanic is my goalkeeper's skills coach and I've also got Nick Hatzioostas for fitness.

Q. You've also moved the coach's "dugout" from round level at Hindmarsh stadium to grand stand level, which will give you a better view of the game. Do you also locate specialist coaches there to monitor the team's progress on the field and to liaise with you during the game?



Nick Pantelis — teaching attacking skills

McGACHY — No I'll be sitting up in the grand stand and I'll be totally in control of the game. My assistant coaches will be sitting with me, along with the reserve players. But the people who will be taking individual statistics are the youth players of the club — the junior soccer club.

I'll be inviting 12 of the best under-15's and 16's to come when we play our home games in the National League. They'll be given a player to take statistics on — with the ball, without the ball, the amount of running he does the amount of defensive tackling, the amount of possessions the wins, the amount of possessions he loses purely to allow the youth players a better understanding, to learn the game properly and to be a part of the total club, because the youth players as well as the senior players make up the total club.

It's not just one team — West Adelaide is many, many players and many, many people.

Q. A topic for discussion among professional people — psychologists and sports coaches — has been the concept of motivation and concentration in sport. We know that soccer is a team sport which requires a great amount of motivation and concentration with regards to players actually inter-relating on the field. Soccer is one of those sports where a team cannot be successful unless the players really work together on the field. Would you ever see a situation where you would consider bringing a specialist psychologist to analyse players who are in a slump, aren't concentrating on play?

McGACHY — I've studied

... that's enlightened approach of Westad coach Neil McGachey

Interview by GEORGE KALOGEROPOULOS

psychology. I've got a degree in psychology and I believe a great deal in intrinsic motivation, which is self-motivation. We've spoke a great deal to individual players about what their goals are over a six-week period of time and we continually meet those players on a six-week regular basis, giving them goals that they've got to achieve.

As regards having a psychologist at the club, I believe it's a concept that will be introduced. I believe it's got to come but at this stage, it's not our prerequisite for the 1985 season.

It's a part of the game that's been overlooked for a long time. The Americans are doing a great deal with psychology in sport. I was over there two years ago to study that. It's going to go very big in the near future, and West Adelaide should be part of that development as well.

Q. — That's very progressive thinking, but a lot of people in the VFL are saying that psychology is more or less "bullshit".

McGACHY — When you say that the V.F.L. regards it as bullshit, that's debatable because I know several V.F.L. coaches use psychological instructors and psychological professionals at their club. I know a number of players who have played V.F.L., and it's helped them immensely in their game.

The people who knock psychology and its application to sport are people who really analysed the subject too much.

Q. — You've also introduced lectures where players can bring along their girlfriends, family or friends to help them understand things such as nutrition and diet. What are you hoping to achieve?

McGACHY — It's a two-fold thing. It's not only players and wives, it's also supporters, it's also junior players, it's old boys that were with West Adelaide.

We want to educate the players about their body, to get them to realise that soccer isn't only playing on a Sunday.

that they've got to look after their body, their condition, their habits, their psychological development, and so on.

Also, it's a social gathering and a time to get supporters and players together and just generally have a social night.

It's something that's missing at the club. We've got to bring that back. It was present in the sixties and early seventies.

Q. — You played in the National League championship-winning team of 1978. Could you compare the feeling among the players last year when they were more or less humiliated and finished second-last on the National Conference of the League?

McGACHY — The '78 side was unique inasmuch as we had many, many players with very strong characters. We got on very well off the field, as well as on the field and because of that character and the will to win we won a lot of games we really shouldn't have won, purely by endeavour.

Last year was the same as 1980, '81, '82, '83. The team has lacked a bit of unity, lacked friendship off the park. It's a very important area of the team.

If you're happy off the park, you work very hard for each other on the park. Unfortunately we haven't had that at the club for four years.

I think supporters have been at each other's throats, committees have been debating too many things. I think, generally, there's been a disharmony around the club for four years that really shouldn't be there. Success only comes through unity, and success only comes by supporting your fellow person at the club and working together.

We've got to go back to working together as we did in '78 and in the late sixties/early seventies. The team and the club was then one big family. It was united, and that was the secret to success, really, nothing else.

Q. — What's the feeling like now, before the season has actually started?

McGACHY — We've got a long way to go. It's an awful lot better than it has been. I'm enjoying it. I think the players are enjoying it.

Team-mateship and camaraderie build up only through time. We're starting anew, we're building camaraderie and it's only a matter of time before the team does become a unit, before it does become a family.

Therefore, that will extend through to the supporters as well when they become more involved and it will extend through to the committee when it becomes more entrenched as the season goes on.

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Puskas here in March

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But having served his suspension, overweight with his stomach as concave as a balloon, he joined Real Madrid to begin an illustrious new career and more remarkable conquests in a new world.

When he scored those four goals in that memorable European Cup final against Eintracht Frankfurt in Glasgow he was already 34.

When he scored is celebrated hat-trick in the 1962 final against Benfica he was 38.

During those Madrid years he played with, and befriended one of his big rivals for the best ever crown. Alfredo Di Stefano.

It was Di Stefano whose nick-named him Pancho. Puskas called the great Argentinian "Stefi".

Di Stefano, in a recent book marking Puskas's return to Hungary after 25 years, probably paid his friend the ultimate accolade:

"Puskas was a player who could belong to any age in football. Those who are born with his talent, and use that talent consciously, not just for themselves but for the team, are not born in every age. Every era is Puskas's era."

For Hungarians, who welcomed him home emotionally four years ago and for whom he brought so much joy in those dark days in the '50s, Puskas was and will forever remain the best.

For me, as a Hungarian, he is also a frustrating source of regret. To know that, as a child, I lived a few kilometres from where he regularly played yet never saw him is not easy to live with.

I'll try to compensate when I hope to meet him, somewhat nervously, in a few weeks.

Goalie Lukac available

Polonia (Vic) goalkeeper Michael Lukac wants a new club. Lukac last made his mark in the Greek side in the Victoria Cup a few years ago, then joined Kow Park Rangers before switching to Polonia. There's \$1,000 on his head and he can be contacted on 367 4835 or 366 1928.

YUGOSLOVENSKA SCENA

JUST SE OPROSTITO OD NOCNOG KUPA SA PORAZOM

Pole izvanredne igre protiv Juventusa i ubedjivog pobjede "PLAVI" su useli u igru protiv Fawknera kao apsolutni favoriti, ali su ponovo razočarali svoje navjace jalovom igrom pred protivnickim igrom. Od deset zrelih sansi nisu iskoristili ni jednu, ali se tesse da su po dva puta pogodili prekruc i stavili. U fudbalu se golovi racunaju a ne lepa igra. Zato je prosjecni tim Fawknera odneo ova boda, jer je jedinu priliku za gol efektno smestio u JUST ove mirazu. JUST je zavrsio nocni kup na zadnjem mestu u "B" grupi, sto nije zaslužio po prikazanoj igri.

Razlog zadnjeg poraza treba traziti u oslabljenom sastavu, jer nisu igrali Bill Lazopoulos i Emil Petrov zbog povreda na tzv. "prijeteljskim" utakmicama.

JUST je sada slobodan od kup utakmice sa Green Gully Ajaxkom u nedelju 3. marta, sto ce trenir Cirkovic iskoristiti da fizicki i psihicki osposobi svakog igrača za velike napore koji su na pragu.

U cetvrtak 20. februara pocinju pripreme mladog tima i juniorski ispod 18 godina. Novi trener je Milos Adamovic, kome ce pomoci Djuro Krivosija, Dusan David i Mirko Vujinic. Trening pocinje u 6 uvece.

MAKEDONJI JE POTREBNA POBEDA

Dok su Heidelberg/Alexander, Melbourne Croatia i Morwell Falcons osigurali nastup u polufinalu "Bulldog" Kupa, Makedonija mora da pobedi Box Hilla veceras da bi postala cetvrti polufinalista. Na papiru Makedonija je bolja od Box Hilla za tri do cetiri gola, ali u praksi sve je moguce ako se protivnik psete.

Uz pomos svojih vernih navjaca, koji ce se odazvati u rekordnom broju Makedonija ce lakse preskociti zadnju prepreku da bi u polufinalu odmerila snagu sa Heidelberg/Alexandrom us subotu 23. februara, dok ce drugo polufinale iste veceri igrati Melbourne Croatia i Morwell Falcons, koji je iznenadio mnoge klubove iz Nacionalne lige.

SPORTSKA SVECANOST U WANT-IRINI

Na igralistu Hungarian Community Centra, gde je podinut impresivan

Dom sa fudbalskim terenom, sastali su se u nedelju 17. februara prvi timovi JUST-a i Wantirsa (ex-Hawkesburna) povodom odluke reprezentativca Andy Kazija da se u 39. godini oprosti od fudbala. Pred lepm brojem gledalaca JUST je pobedio sa 2-1 (1-1), ali rezultat nije bitan iako se domaci tim borio lavovski. Uostalom tako igra svaki nizerazredni klub protiv kluba iz Nacionalne lige. Pred kraj utakmice navalni igraci JUST-a takmicili su se u promasivanju. Pobedu bi odneo Dragan Janjic da nije pogodio stavitu, posto je ostavio pola tuceta igrača za sobom. U strelice su se upsalj Istvan Laslo za Wantirnu u 1. minutu, posto mu je Toma Karic poklonio loptu, Vlatko Belic u 19 i Bill Lazopoulos u 61. minutu za JUST.

Pred pocetak utakmice Andrija Kazi je dobio trofeje od svih klubova, cije je boje branio u Australiji. U ime JUST-a pchar i klupsku zastavicu predao mu je Josip Sterpin, u ime Wantirne Jozef Bona, a u ime veterana Taraxa Berry Davis i Veljko Tadic.

Andrew Kazi je igrao prvih 17. minuta za JUST, a za tim je obukao dres Wantirne. Po obicaju bio je jedan od najboljih igrača.

Posle utakmice priredjena je vecera za igrace i funkcionere oba tima. Andrew Kazi kaze da ga gest JUST-a duboko dirnu i da ga sa ponosom cuvati trofej svog maticeonog kluba. Poslednju casu piv ispio je sa kolegom Jovom Milinovicom, koji je zbog povrede presao da igra fudbal, ali ne propusta ni jednu utakmicu.

JUST: Turudija (Vlajnic), Kazi (Djurdevic), Lujic, Jovic (Barjaktarevic), Karic, Belic, Janjic (M. Stojilovic), Reigosa (Oljak), Lazopoulos, Stojilovic (Andjelkovic), Tapai.

Wantirna: T. Mistic (S. Kazi, G. Carli), Ambrus, Gatzman, Hegedus, Djurdjevic (A. Kazi), Kanton, Erdedi (Balog), M. Mistic, Erdag, Hagymasi, Laslo.

PRVE ZRTVE DOCKERTY KUPA

U prvom preliminarom kolu za Dockerty Kup neocekivano su ispalj Ringwood Utd/SRBija i Springvale United.

Keysborough je pobedio Ringwood/Srbiju sa 2-1 (0-0) u gostima, iako je domaci tim imao vise od igre i zrelije sanse. Pocasni gol je postigao Pavle Jevtic u 70. minutu, a mogao je jos 3 do 4 puta da se upise u strelice. Gosti su bili sretni koliko su teski.

Sastav Ringwood/Srbije: Slavisa Milovanovic, Mark Markos, John Musser (Mladin Bjelogoric 46 minuta), Alex Nelson, Dragan Jimmy Milisavljevic, Miki Sedarevic, Johnny Ross, Tony Gilmour, Ljuba Stojanovic (Ljubisa Bosancic 75 minuta), Abo Demir, Pavle Jevtic.

Najbolji su bili Pavle Jevtic, Miki Sedarevic i Jimmy Mills.

LECO HOLDINGS — SPRINGVALE UTD. 2-0 (1-0). U teskoj atmosferi, gde publika nije prestala da vredja i psuje gostujuce igrace, drugi rezultat nije se mogao ocekivati. Uz to su "plavi" iz Springvale igrali vidno oslabljeni bez Dragoslava Jelicia, Gorana Veljovica, Pere Dekica, Senada Sabitovica i Steve Janjica, dok su Milan Stojilovic i Dragan Janjic presli u JUST.

Sastav Springvale Utd. Zoran Mandic, John Makridis, Ilija Kerezovic, Zek Tepic, Peter Dangulich, Hitko Kaim, Zoran Djukic (Daniel) Pavev od 65 m.), Milenko Culibrk, Edin Subara Zukic, Lujc Pirea, Cane Veljeviski.

Proslot cetvrtka "Plavi" iz Springvale bili su gosti Seaforda, koga su savladali u prijateljskom susretu sa 2-2 (2-2). Strelici: Pavla Culibrk 2, Cane Veljeviski i Edin Subara Zukic. Rovans susret ova dva kluba odigrase se u cetvrtak 21. februara na igralistu "Bratstva i jedinstva" u Keysboroughu. Pocetak u 6,30 uvece.

Popularno levo krilo "Plavih" iz Springvale bronzoni Aleksandar Cane Veljeviski, verio se proslot petka sa simpaticnom Snezanom Krstevskom iz Skoplja. Bilo je veselo, a bice jos veselije na svadbi kroz par meseci.

"Plavi" iz Springvale ponupjavaju tim ispod 16 godina. Trenini se odrzavaju sredom i petkom od 6 do 8 uvece na igralistu Springvale United, Lot 16 Perry Rd. u Keysboroughu. Novi juniorski treba da se prijave Miloradu Lakicu ili Miri Veljeviskovicu.

TURNIR U DANDENONGU

Na turniru, koji je priredio South Dandenong na dandenong Showgroundu, igratu osam klubova podeljenih u dve grupe po bod sistemu. Proslot subote i nedelje odigrana su dva kola.

Rezultati "A" grupe: Westall Timorese — Mulgrave 1-3, Chelsea/Hajduk — Fitzroy City 4-2, Fitzroy City — Mulgrave 4-0, Chelsea/Hajduk — Westall Timorese. Rezultati "B" grupe: Clayton — Westall 1-0, Parkmore/Plavi Dunav —

South Dandenong 3-1, Westall — South Dandenong 3-2, Plavi Dunav — Clayton 1-1.

"Plavi Dunav" je igrao u sledecem sastavu protiv Sth. Dandenonga: M. Acs, George Rovo (Mihajl Djarmati od 40 minuta), Zoltan Varadi, Joe Biro, Janos Palo, Greg Kennemayer, Andras Lerinc, Vasil Tanasovic, Sandor Varga, Istvan Toth. U 60. minutu sudija je isključio Mihajl Asca, pa ga je na голу zamenio Kennemayer. Mihajl nema vise pravo da igra na ovom turniru. Strelici: Vasil Tanasovic u 10, Janos Palo u 35. iz slobodnog udarca sa 20 metara i Istvan Toth u 70. minutu.

Najbolji igraci po recima trenera Joe Biro bili su veterani Sandor Varga, Janos Palo i Toni Basa.

Protiv Claytona "Plavi Dunav" je igrao u nesto izmenjenom sastavu. Umesto suspendovanog golmana Acsa branio je Antal Mezel, dok je igrac Lasanc zamenio Greg Kennemayera, koji se nije pojavio tog dana.

Clayton je povero sa 1-0 u 84. minutu zahvaljujuci senzacionalnom autogolu Janos Pala, koji je sa centra vratio loptu svom golmanu, ali prejako, tako da je odelsa u gornji ugao Parkmoreve mreze. Izjednacilo je iz jedanaesterca Istvan Toth u 90. minutu, posto je prethodno Vasil Tanasovic oboren u kaznenom prostoru.

U subotu 23. februara "Plavi Dunav" igra protiv Westalla.

PRIJATELJSKE UTAKMICE

Central City/C ZVEZDA pobedila je u gostima Eltham City sa 2-1 (2-0) posle izvanredne igre u prvom poluvremenu. "Crveno bel" su nastupili bez menadzera Boska Djordjevic, koji je proslot cetvrtka zbog povrede na poslu pneto u St. Vincent bolnicu, gde se brzo oporavic Trener Eltham City je Rajko Curcija, koji takodje redovno igra za ovaj klub iz trece divizije.

Sastav Zvezde: Nilo Popovic, Zoran Roksanidic, Igor Mukavec (Dejan Velickovic od 46 minuta), Dragan Mileankovic, Mladen Mutic, Miodrag Velickovic, Dejan Obradovic, Sasa Mileankovic, Nikola Radunovic, Bora Andjelkovic, Goran Simic.

Strelici: Goran Simic u 30 i Dejan Obradovic u 38 minuta. Najbolji igraci: Mladen Mutic, Nikola Radunovic i Zoran Roksanidic.

Zvezda trenira ponedeljkom i sredom od 6 do 8 uvece na Como Parku. Dobrodošli su novi igraci.

ΤΑ ΝΕΑ ΤΩΝ ΟΜΑΔΩΝ ΜΑΣ ΑΠΟ ΤΟ ΣΗΜΕΙΟ ΤΟΥ ΠΕΝΑΛΤΥ

ΟΙ 15 ΝΕΟΙ ΠΡΟΗΓΗΘΗΚΑΝ ΣΤΗΝ ΕΡΑΣΜΕ

"Εξελέγησαν οι 15 νέοι σύμβουλοι της "Ελλάδας και χθές το βράδυ επιρρίκνεται να γίνει σε σώμα το νέο Δ.Σ. του συλλόγου. Στην ξεχωριστή επιτροπή ήταν οι Γ.Κα. ραντώνης, Α.Δησκατσής και Ν.Ζέρβας.

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ΗΤΤΑ ΤΟΥ ΚΟΛΛΕΑΝΤ

Γιά το Ντόχερτυ Κέπ το Κόλλεαντ αποκλεισ σήκη από το Κόρυνγκτον 2-0.

"Η ελληνική ομάδα δεν κέρηκε άόμη έτοιμη.

ΜΑΛΒΕΡΝ ΣΤΟΥ

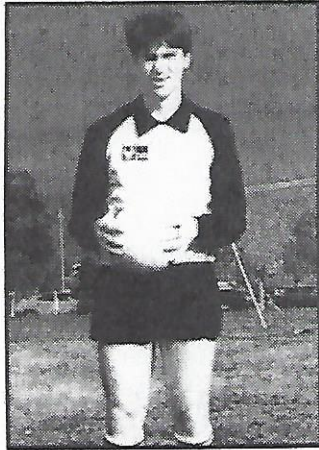
Σε φιλική άόνα το Μάλβερν νίκησε την "Ηρακλή 2-1.

Ο γκολ πέτυχαν οι Ρούμπας και ΄Ιωαννής.

Ο προπονητής Νίκος Μίκογλου έμεινε άόλυτα έκνεσποιημένος από την άόδοση της ομάδας.

ΤΟ ΤΟΥΡΝΟΥΑ ΤΩΝ ΠΑΛΑΙΜΑΧΩΝ

Συνεχίστηκε το τουρνουά των παλαιμάχων στο γήπεδο του Κορυτιάλλου την περασμένη Κυριακή.



Γιάννης Κύργιος, ο 19χρονος γκολκίπερ του Κλίφτον Χιλ, που αποτελεί ένα από τα βασικά στελέχη του συλλόγου. Το ταλέντο του και η όρεξη του είναι για γέφυρη για την ομάδα του.

ρσαν για τους δύο τελευταίους άόνες.

"Έτσι είναι άόδυνάται να γράσουμε την τελική βαθμολογία των προκριματικών.

Ο πρώτος άόνας έληξε με νίκη της Κλαρίντας επί της ομάδας των Σερρών 1-0.

"Η περυσινή κυπελλούχος τελεώσε στην 1η θέση με 6 βαθμούς άόκτητη και τέρωμα 5 - 1.

Στόν δεύτερο άόνα το Κλίφτον Χιλ και το Έσους Σπρινγκβιλ έφωσαν 1-1.

Και οι δύο ομάδες προκρίθηκαν με 1η το Σπρινγκβιλ (βαθμοί 4, τέρωμα 6-3) και 2η το Κλίφτον Χιλ (βαθμοί 4, τέρωμα 6-5).

ΟΙ ΗΜΙΤΙΚΟΙ

Τήν Κυριακή 94 γίνονται οι ημιτελικοί άό νέας. Στις 12.00 θα παίξει η Χάριλντα με το Κλίφτον Χιλ και στις 2.00 θα άόλυοθήσει ο 2ος ημιτελικός.

ΟΙ ΨΕΠΟΝΟΝΙΣΕ

Στόν 6ο πρόβστατος άόνας της "Έλλάς είδαμε ένα παίκτη της (όχι έλληνα) με νει κέτι άόνημε γελονούτες τέος την έ

Τάος σε ποιούς φιλάθλους τίς έκανε δέν γνωρίζουμε. "Άσχετα με αυτό όμως είναι άόαρέκρητη η πράξη του άόμη και άν έπρόκειτο για άντιπαλούς.

Στήν προκειμένη περίπτωση-και αυτό άς μη τό ξεχνάμε οι άόεθνοιοι της "Έλλάς-ή ντροπή πάει στόν έλληνακό σύλλογο και όχι στόν παίκτη που ήδη έζρωμε τέον χαρκτηρά του.

ΤΟ ΒΑΡ ΒΙΡΦΙ ΤΟΥ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΠΟΥΛΟΥ

Στό 46 ALBERT RD στό Έσους Μέλμπουρν δ διεθνής παίκτης του Μέγα Γιάργος Χριστόπουλος διευσύνει ένα πολυτελέστατο Μάρς εστιατόριο τό όποιο και άός συνιστούμε. Τό τηλέφωνό του είναι 699 8527.

ΟΚΑΗ

ΤΣ "Οκλή θα έγκανεινέσει τό νέο του γήπεδο στό CALOOLIA RESERVE στις 17 Μάρτη με φιλικούς άόνες και με ένα έλληνακό πατηγήρι.

ΙΣΟΣ ΝΑ ΕΙΝΑΙ ΨΕΥΦΟΙ

Στήν... πιάτος σηήεήεταί πός το Κόλλεαντ έβείζε ένόςφερονα για ένα ταλαντούχο παίκτη του Κλίφτον Χιλ.

Κατά πόσον είναι άόλθεια ή όχι δέν γνωρίζουμε αλλά ή παρουσία του προπονητή του Κόλλεαντ στόν φιλικό άόνα άόδας - Κλίφτον ένωήεχέ την διάδωση.

Βίλαμε να μη θιάζουμε τά μάτια μας με νοι μας γιατί στό τέλος κάποιος "ά... σπρωβεί.

Αυτό όμως που μάς κάνει έντύπωση είναι τό έξης: "Από τό Κόλλεαντ έχει τέση δύναμη και τόσο ένωήεο όλνέ με ταλαντούχους, τότε γιατί "άόχει στις άόλες ομάδες;

Τό γράφουμε με ένωήεση ουσιαά άν και τήν έρζήμενη βδομάδα άς ζήρωμε καλύτερα-τέον λέγο του.

ΔΟΡΑ - ΚΑΙΤΩΝ 2-0 ΣΕ ΡΕΙΑ ΗΥΧΡΟΙΑ

Συνεχίζοντας τίς φιλικές σχέσεις μεταξύ τους ή άόξα Ρίφινγκβιλ και το Κλίφτον έταίεαν τέον πρώτο φιλικό άόνα.

"Η συνάντηση έγινε στό γήπεδο της πρώτης και ένωήε με 2 έύρωμα ένω 2-0.



by Manos Milios

Στό 1 "Ήμυχρονο τό άπότέλεσμα έληξε τό παλο 0-0.

Στό Β "Ήμυχρονο δ κεράβρη για την άόξα άνωίσε τό σκόρ και στό Γ "Ήμυχρονο δ έαν θόπουλος πάλι για την άόξα έκανε τό τέλικό 2-0.

Και οι δύο ομάδες έπαίξαν σε άόλητική πλάτσια και οι τεχνικοί έκαναν άρκετές άλλάγες προκειμένου να δοκιμάσουν τους παίκτες τους.

Σέ γενικές γραμμές ή άόξα φάνηκε καλύτερη, ενώ το Κλίφτον έφτασε άρκετές φορές κοντά στό γκολ αλλά δ γκολκίπερ Κώστας Γκιατάς της άόδας ήταν περίφημος. Τήν Κυριακή στό γήπεδο του Κλίφτον θα δοθεί ή ρεβάνς.

Στις 3.00 θα παίξουν οι άναπαρωματικοί και στις 5.00 οι τακτικές ομάδες.

"Η 3 "όμάδα του Κλίφτον νίκησε την άντίστοιχη της άόδας 2-0.

ΛΑΠΑΡΙΝΤΑ

Οι προπονήσεις των Τροβούριος γίνονται κάθε Τρίτη και Πέμπτη στό Κλάτον Τέχνη και Έκωθ.

Η ΜΟΡΑΡ

Και τά Τροβούριος το Πέλοτα κάνουν προπονήσεις κάθε Τρίτη και Πέμπτη στό γηπεδό τους.

"Όλα τά παιδιά είναι εύπρωβέκτα.

ΕΛΕΝΑ ΟΥΡΤΙΤΑ

άόξα Τετάρτη και Παρασκευή προπονείται ή "Άνση ουντίων (Ε.20) στό γήπεδο του Τέχνη και Έκωθ τό Πέλοτον.

Είσοι παίκτες είναι εύπρωβέκτοιο.

ΤΑ ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΑ ΟΥΔΙΑ ΤΥ ΠΕΡΙΣΤΕΡΙΑ

Και νέα έλληνακό ομάδα έόδεκται στό Πόρτ Λάουτον με πολλούς συμμετέχοντες η.2λ άόας και τίς "έκωθ.

Ο έόξος άς τείξει στήν "Α κατηγορία του "Αντιστενάλ έληγ και άς έχει άρκετή πρωτοτυπία άπό δέν άς γίνονται προπονήσεις και πειράζονται έν άρκετές προπονήσεις.

Τήν άόξα πέτυχαν οι 23χρονοι, έλληνοί, Τροβούριος, άόνα έόδεκται έπρωτοπόροιο.



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